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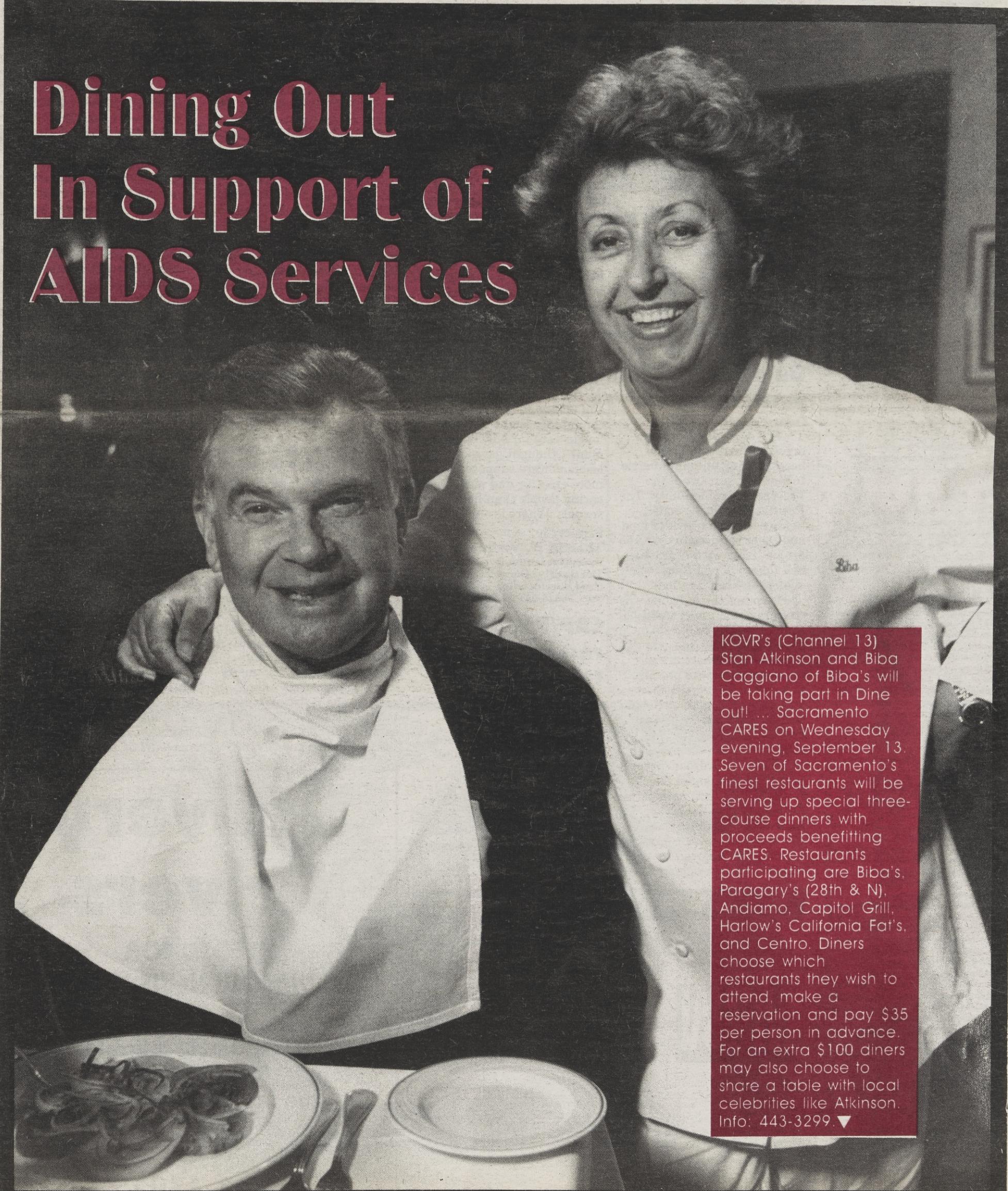
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Dining Out In Support of AIDS Services



KOVR's (Channel 13) Stan Atkinson and Biba Caggiano of Biba's will be taking part in Dine out! ... Sacramento CARES on Wednesday evening, September 13. Seven of Sacramento's finest restaurants will be serving up special three-course dinners with proceeds benefitting CARES. Restaurants participating are Biba's, Paragary's (28th & N), Andiamo, Capitol Grill, Harlow's California Fat's, and Centro. Diners choose which restaurants they wish to attend, make a reservation and pay \$35 per person in advance. For an extra \$100 diners may also choose to share a table with local celebrities like Atkinson. Info: 443-3299. ▼

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United States, San Francisco and Los Angeles, for example, receive thousands and thousands of dollars to enable them to provide hot meals on wheels to thousands of clients too ill to prepare their own meals. Both organizations — Project Open Hand in San Francisco and Angel Food in Los Angeles — have paid staffs. They have literally fleets of volunteers who day in and day out deliver the hot meals.

And Sacramento? Zilch. Even the AIDS Foundation received little support from the community. Most of their money has come from grants such as the Ryan White organization. Many Sacramento gays and lesbians have plenty of money to spend in support of bars, to take expensive vacations, to buy flashy new cars and stylish clothes, and to dine in elegant restaurants. But for some inexplicable reason, they do not support their sick and dying.

The years pass. We scrounge for food to deliver to our clients. We pay expenses mostly out of our own pockets. I am often struck by how often those who have the least give the most. If the people could find it in their hearts to contribute the equivalent of one evening's entertainment — or perhaps \$20 — to our cause, it would help.

We are now at a crossroads. I don't know where to go. Are we all so discouraged and alienated from our community that we can no longer care for our fellow man? I thought gays and lesbians were supposed to more creative and more caring people than heterosexuals. Where is our pride?

Sincerely,
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CAP/PAC dinner results; former treasurer pays money back

Dear Editor:
CAP/PAC raised about \$18,000 at our 7th annual dinner. These funds will allow CAP/PAC to continue making important campaign contributions to local elected officials and candidates who support equal rights for gay and lesbian people, and to

members of our own community who decide to run for office themselves.

Our unity of purpose and political sophistication grows each year, and is reflected in the annual dinner. Elected officials in Sacramento actively seek our support now. It was a great honor to have the mayor attend, as well as many of the members of the City Council and several County Board of Supervisors.

The list of the almost \$65,650 of past CAP/PAC political contributions distributed at the dinner illustrates what CAP/PAC has done. But your continuing support of CAP/PAC is crucial if our quest for equal rights is to succeed. Please consider making a monthly contribution to CAP/PAC, a monthly billing can be set up on request.

On a matter of great importance to all supporters, the Board is happy to report that our former treasurer has made full restitution of the funds misappropriated between June and November of last year. To insure that such a breach of trust can never occur again, the Board has contracted with the local law firm Olsen, Hagel (et al) to handle our accounts and all financial transactions.

There are few nonprofit organizations that have not had unfortunate incident like this and we are deeply grateful to our constituents for the many expressions of support we have received relative to actions we have taken.

Thanks again for your support. Our fight is for you!

Cathi Meyers
Co-chair, CAP/PAC
David Felderstein
Co-chair, CAP/PAC

Dad ... Guess What?

A response to vol. 1, issue #5

Dear Editor:

Being gay is not about BIG DICKS, pornos, and pectoral muscles. Too many gay magazines are full of articles about fist fucking and tight jeans. That's just a kick in the pants! These are not the issues that concern my

daily life as a gay man. In fact it makes homosexuality look like a silly game instead of a lifestyle. Being gay includes poetry, arts, spirituality, romance, science, music, history, emotions, politics — all of those real-life things. I expected MGW to be a paper that respectfully addresses the true lifestyles of gay men instead of building on queer-lust stereotypes. This issue (#5) was a disappointment.

It's hard enough for us to develop into whole, complete men when we are raised under the American, "boys don't cry" guidelines for masculinity. Men are expected to be cold, tough and arrogant and to top it off our genitals are used as a symbol of a war-a weapon. Missiles, guns, cannons, knives, swords, etc. are all phallic weapons that give my erection a reputation of hostility. In my teens I realized how much I resented these traits. They leave little room for men to express love or passion. That was when I choose to reject the male paradigm and explore the beauty of being male. It's time to foster an alternative view of the phallus and of masculinity that is true to our emotions and provides a healthy self-concept for men.

Sometimes in bed my penis will lay to the side feeling calm and comfortable almost smiling at me. I feel safe when my lover cups me in his palm, small and flaccid, there is not desire for an erection or orgasm. We are people sharing our bodies. This is the beauty of being gay that is passed up in most gay mags for pictures of hard-ons, hard bodies, and aggressive sex. Maybe a paper like Dad ... Guess What? could offer a tastier image of gay love. One that is complete and fair to all gay men who do more in life besides jerking each other off.

Please be more sensitive to the needs of your audience.

Robert Thompson

Publisher's note: Mom Guess What Newspaper is still the same, both for men and women. Perhaps you should read MOM instead of DAD.

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Attorney General blames the Holocaust on gays

Attorney General Dan Lungren, using the specious argument of "States Rights" to file an amicus brief on behalf of the people of California supporting Amendment 2, which was passed by the voters of Colorado in 1993 to deny civil rights protection to besigay people in that state, has indirectly given credence to Amendment 2's sponsoring organization, Colorado For Family Values (CFV), which has devoted two-thirds of its April newsletter to claim that homosexuals in Germany were WHOLLY responsible for the Holocaust.

The lead statement of the article titled The Pink Swastika says, "As usual, the party line about Nazi 'homophobia' strays from the truth — drastically. Homosexuality actually played a key role in the psychology of Nazi brutality. In fact 'macho' homosexuality inspired the ruthlessness of the entire regime. Here's an abridged reprint of *The Other Side of the Pink Triangle* by Jewish scholar Kevin Abrams."

The article further makes the claim that in his youth Hitler was a male prostitute in Vienna who engaged in acts of sadomasochism.

In summary, author Abrams says, "Indeed, if history is to be told accurately, the behavior of homosexuals under Hitler's barbarous rule provides further evidence that homosexuality is a pathology ... Ironically, the record shows that there was far more brutality, rape, torture and murder committed against innocent people by Nazi deviants and homosexuals, than there ever was against homosexuals."

The July issue of the CFV Report boasts "The Pink Swastika struck a nerve." The CFV Report in neither edition offers any credentials for author Kevin Abrams who is reputed to be, "a well known Jewish writer currently living in Israel."

Dr. Jonathan Katz, Chair of the Department of Gay Studies of San Francisco City College, a noted scholar of gay and lesbian history, says of the article, "The hideous irony is that the Big Lie

technique used by Hitler to slaughter millions of people is now being resuscitated by the Radical Religious Right for, they hope, similar purposes."

Lungren's support of Amendment 2 is just another in a long, long line of homophobic rhetoric and actions taken by him in his political career. He has recently asked the California Supreme Court to overturn a decision which would keep police from entrapping gay men who simply ask another man for sex.

His actions are just another of the systematic steps in the plan of the Radical and Religious Right, to whom he is political and financially beholden, to demonize lesbigay people in this country.

In an article in the Forum section of the 25 June 1995 *Sacramento Bee*, Dr. Norman Cigar writing about ethnic cleansing and how the current animosity between Christians and Moslems came about in Bosnia said, "Instead, a preparatory phase, marked by an intensive and methodical topdown political and information campaign in the 1980's was required to change the value system of an entire generation of Serbs."

A similar preparatory plan has now been implemented in this country by the leaders of the Radical and Religious Right to target the poor, immigrants, undocumented immigrants, and lesbigays as the root of the country's problems.

Two clandestine meetings sponsored by CFV were held

in the Glen Eyrie Castle of the Navigators located in Colorado Springs in 1993 and 1994, with over 40 mostly national organizations such as Focus on the Family, Campus Crusade, Concerned Women for America, Christian Coalition, and Family Research Council Attending, attempting to map out a common agenda on how to demonize homosexuality in America.

The leaders of all the named organizations are members of the secretive and powerful Council for National Policy, and organization, though the 450+ members would deny it, which seems to be obsessed with installing a "Christian" government in the United States.

Powerful politicians such as Dan Lungren, Pete Wilson, Jesse Helms, Newt Gingrich, Phil Gramm, Bob Dornan, and a host of lesser politicians are falling all over themselves to pander to the dictates of the members of the Council of National Policy.

In California the plan of demonization has been led by the Capitol Commonwealth Group/Allied Business PAC made up primarily of Home Savings Loan scion Howard Fieldstead Ahmanson, Jr. (The media-shy Orange County multimillionaire), State Senator Robert Stanley "Boss" Hurt, Jr., gospel radio mogul Edward G. Atsinger III and publishing tycoon, Roland Hinz. All are members of the Council for National Policy.

Other close allies of the Fearsome Foursome is former State Senator and former John Birch Society organizer H.L. (Bill) Richardson of the Gun Owners of CA and the Rev. Louis P. Sheldon of the Traditional Value Coalition. Both are members of the Council for National Policy.▼



Summery party held for Life AIDS Lobby

Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris, well known bodybuilders and authors, helped raise money for Life AIDS Lobby in Blake Snider's backyard. Jackson-Davis discussed their project Be True to Yourself Foundation that supports projects which create an environment where youth can thrive, prosper, develop self-esteem, be safe and life free of oppression and discrimination as contributing citizens of society.

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Police Forum brings results

by Cara Westin

Sacramento Police Department

All of us involved in putting on this forum were very pleased with the level of participation by the gay and lesbian community. Many of the people who attended contributed thoughtful, positive ideas on how to improve the levels of communication and service between the Police Department and the community.

Immediately following the forum, the results of the problem identification efforts and the solutions developed were typed up and distributed to all three Deputy Chiefs and Police Chief Venegas. The Chief asked his management staff and myself to produce a list of proposed responses to the identified problems. The Chief is reviewing these ideas now.

Hopefully, you have already noticed an increased police presence in the 20th Street corridor in response to the number one problem identified by one of the groups at the forum. The officers have already made a felony arrest and a misdemeanor drug related arrest in the area. Our goal is for customers in the area to feel and be safer while patronizing the local businesses. In addition to this, I have made almost nightly stops at businesses in the area. I have had follow up visits with employees at Faces, Western, Mercantile, and Lambda Center.

Officers will continue making these visits as their schedules allow. Please come talk to me when you see me. I am interested in your opinion as to how the Police Department is serving the community and ways in which we can improve.

Look for me and Neighborhood Police Officers Don Rehm and Scott Maldonado at the Rainbow Festival.

The following are the responses given at the Gay/ Lesbian Police Forum:

On Thursday, July 27 1995 the Sacramento Police Department conducted a Gay and Lesbian Community Forum with approximately 40 community and business members in attendance. Chief



Police Chief Art Venegas welcomes and talks with 40 gay/lesbian community members about their police department concerns. ▼

gay/lesbian community with regard to the Sacramento Police Department?"

Group #1 identified the following areas of concern:

- 1) verbal gay bashing
- 2) narcotics trafficking, drinking, loitering, prostitution along the 20th Street corridor
- 3) the need for more City Council involvement
- 4) discrimination and harassment by the police officers
- 5) overheard offensive jokes told by officers
- 6) the need for a place for the homeless youth in the area
- 7) transients
- 8) lack of lighting
- 9) physical gay bashing

The group voted the following three as being most important to them: 1) the problems along the 20th Street corridor (#2 above), 2) physical

gay bashing (#9 above), 3) discrimination and harassment by officers (#4 above).

Group #1 suggested the following solutions to the problems along the 20th Street corridor:

- 1) higher patrol visibility (esp. 2200-0300 hours)
- 2) move people along — not allowing loitering or drinking
- 3) better lighting
- 4) curfew enforcement
- 5) merchant group liaison with the Police Department
- 6) more informal police contact

Group #1 suggested the following solutions to physical gay bashing:

- 1) publicize enforcement of gay bashing
- 2) publicize the names of all gay/lesbian Liaison Officers
- 3) increased patrol visibility at night

Group #1 suggested as solutions to discrimination and harassment by police officers:

- 1) education
- 2) vigorous enforcement against officers

Group #2 identified the following areas of concern:

- 1) lack of sensitivity from the Police Department towards the gay community
- 2) lack of involvement between gay community and police outreach

Group #2 suggested the following solutions to the lack of sensitivity from the Police Department:

- 1) monthly forums
- 2) more exposure to each other
- 3) joint officer and gay community event

Group #2 made the following suggestions to address the lack of involvement between the gay community and the police:

- 1) need gay oriented literature and information
- 2) define role of the Gay Liaison Officer
- 3) more line level involvement
- 4) police visibility in gay areas and events
- 5) more sensitivity training for officers ▼

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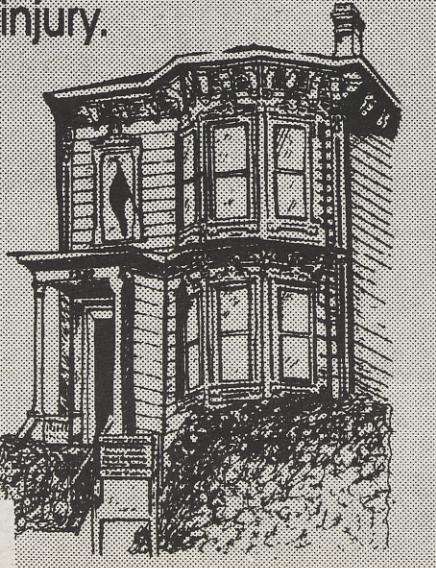
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A meal fit for a queen

reviewed by Christopher Solis
MGW/Palate Editor

IL FORNAIO, 400 Capitol Mall, 446-4100; M-Th 11am-10pm, Fri 11am-11pm, Sat 5pm-11pm, Sun 4pm-10pm.

There are times when service is EVERYTHING. Those evenings when you simply refuse to have a person stand opposite you and query "Would you like fries with that?" Having had some of the best dining experiences ruined, by inattentive wait staff, flip hostesses, slow cooks, and rude valets, sometimes it's necessary to pamper oneself. Well, there is a place in Sacramento, where such treatment is standard. *Il Fornaio* in the Wells Fargo Center at 400 Capitol Mall provides a splendid atmosphere, superb service, and the food is marvelous too. Big praises, to be sure, but we're speaking about the *royal* treatment here. No puns please.

The ambiance of the restaurant is romantic in its mix of contemporary and classic design. Large marble floors, lots of wood and high, high ceilings lend an airiness to the atmosphere. There is a large opening to a patio dining area that goes a long way to bring that airiness indoors to the interior of the establishment. There is an elaborate bar and bread rack (*Il Fornaio* means

IL FORNAIO

	Food
	Service
	Value
	Vegetarian Alternatives

"The Baker"), and the entire experience seems rich and expensive. This is definitely not the place you bring your tacky girlfriend. The one that carts around her *Target* bags, and would belch and ask "So, what kinda beer ya got anyways?" It may be best to tell her you'll meet her later for coffee, somewhere else.

The menu is extensive, with specials that are featured, consisting of various styles of Italian cooking. Additionally, there are pizzas, antipasti's and of course, pasta. Examples include the *Maniche Al Pollo* (\$10.95) which consists of Elbow pasta, chicken breast, broccoli, sun dried tomatoes, and roasted garlic. While a little light on the chicken side of the equation, it is hearty enough to be satisfying. There is *Turtei Con Aragosta E Ricotta*, (\$11.95) a lobster filled pasta with ricotta cheese,

leeks and a lemon cream sauce. Yum. There are Vegetarian choices as well, such as the *Capellini Al Pomodoro Naturale* (\$9.50), an Angel hair pasta, chopped roma tomatoes, with basil, garlic, and olive oil. Of course lastly, there is pizza. Try the *Fagottino Ruspante* (\$10.50), a folded pizza consisting of chicken, mozzarella, provolone, ricotta, grilled zucchini,

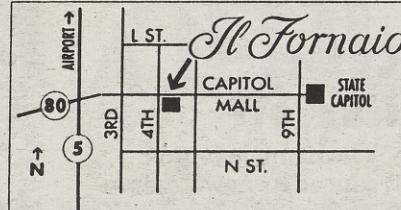


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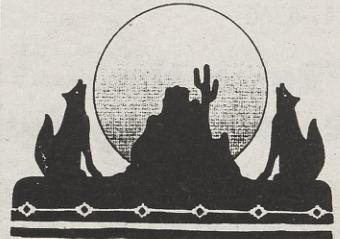


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throughout Italy), but it certainly is the nicest of the few I've visited. Don't be alarmed. This is not a chain restaurant experience, along the lines of the *Olive Garden*. With such an attentive staff, it could only be one of Sacramento's finer restaurants. Would *royalty* expect anything less?▼

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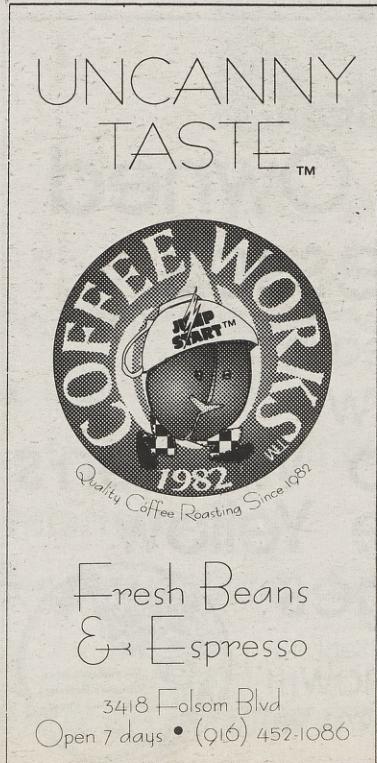
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Lambda Center making exciting changes

New director

The Lambda Center announced the hiring of a full-time Executive Director, Steve Schwichow. Schwichow was the recommended candidate of the E.D. Search Committee, and was hired after an interview with the Lambda Fund Board of Directors on August 13th. The public is cordially invited to take a moment to meet Schwichow when visiting the Center.

Open position

The Center is currently seeking qualified applicants for the position of Health Programs Director. Resumes, to the attention of Mark Satre, are being accepted at the Lambda Center through the final filing date of September 5. Mail or Fax copies to: 447-5755.

"Raise the Roof" campaign

The New Building Committee has submitted a letter of intent for the lease of a building more than double the current size. Located within three blocks of the present Center, the new location will provide increased meeting space and, most importantly, accessibility for the disabled. The Committee has determined that the cost of moving into the new location will be nearly \$35,000, including a sizable outlay for retrofitting the two bathrooms for accessibility. The Center will continue its vigorous "Raise the Roof" campaign offering events to attract large "TAX DEDUCTIBLE" donations to make the dream of a new, bigger location into a reality. Donations can be sent to: Lambda Community Center, Box 163654, Sac., CA 95816.

Freedom Fair "comes out"

At its recent monthly meeting The 1996 Lambda Freedom Fair Steering

Committee voted to add the words "gay, lesbian, and bisexual" to its title, which will now read: Lambda Gay Lesbian and Bisexual Freedom Fair. This decision was made on the suggestion of last year's media committee, which found that many people had no idea that the Lambda Freedom Fair was a "gay pride" event. "Out is In" has been chosen as the theme for this year's event, scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 1996. The Committee intends to apply for Public Services Announcements using its new "out" title.

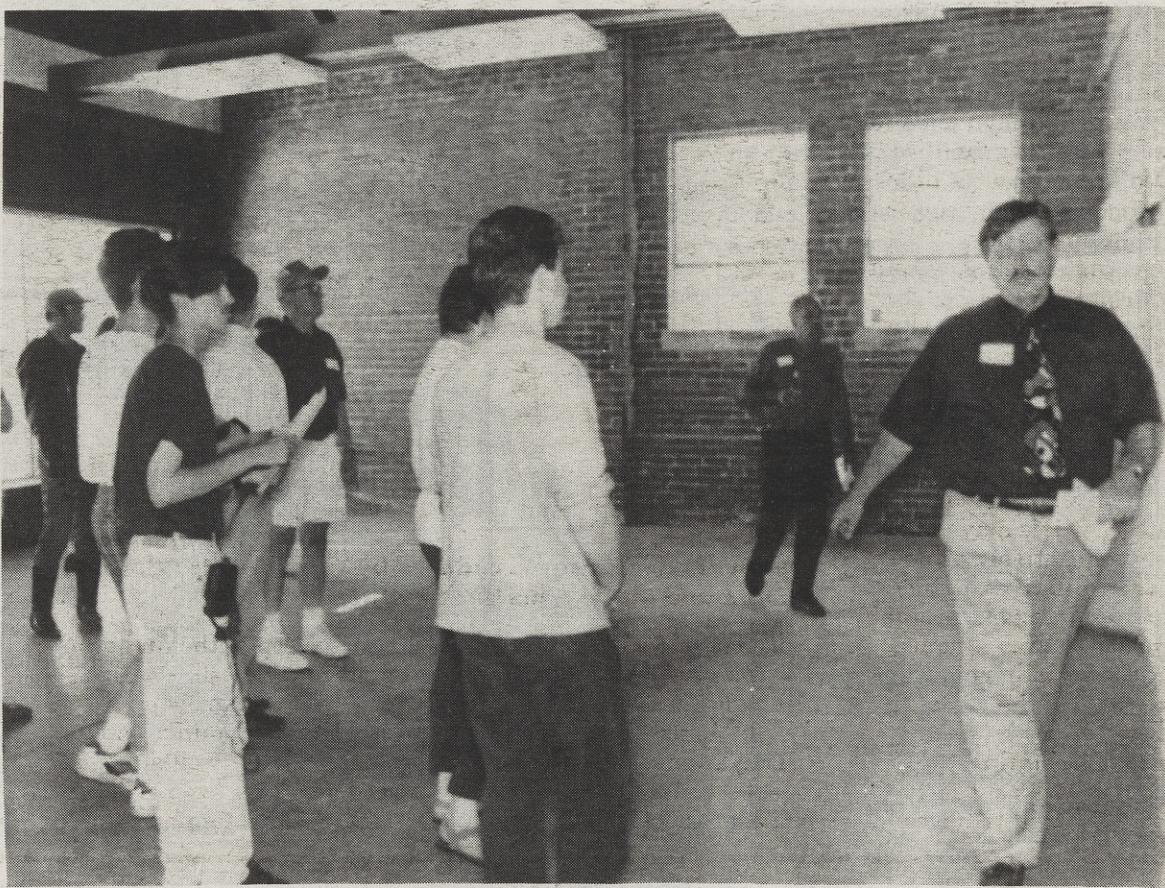
Humor where you least expect it

Paul Rudnick's award winning play *Jeffrey* is now a very funny and touching look at life in the age of AIDS. The premier showing at the Tower Theater, 16th and Broadway, on Thursday, September 7th, will be a fund raising event for the Lambda Community Center. Tickets are \$11 in advance, \$15 at the door, and will include a Post Premier Party at Hamburger Mary's, from 10pm til midnight. Advance tickets can be purchased at Hamburger Mary's, 17th and J Streets, Parcel Plus at O and Alhambra, and Lambda Center, and at the *Jeffrey* Booth at the Rainbow Festival. The booth will offer prizes: tank tops, soundtrack cassettes, movie posters, long-distant calling cards and raffle tickets for more prizes like autographed movie posters, a night at the Hartley House Bed and Breakfast, dinner for two at the Clarion Hotel and more! Raffle tickets will sell for \$1 each, 5 for \$3 or 10 for \$5.

Fundraising, fundraising and more fundraising

The Grand Opening of

Joseph's Town and Country, September 8th and 9th, will partially benefit the Lambda Center. Support for a Gay and Lesbian business also means support for the Lambda Community Center. Joseph's is located at 3514 Marconi Ave., just east of Watt Ave.



MGW/Katharine Davis

Larry Hoover shows possible new Lambda Center sight.

"Colors" kicks off

The Lambda Center introduced its new Community Outreach Organizer, Ron McCormack. McCormack is targeting men who have sex with men and men of color. His first duty is to present himself and the program to the community. McCormack, who identifies himself as a gay Japanese American, has decided that his first project for the Center will be the creation of a social group: "Colors," a group for Latinos, Asians, African-Americans, and other men of color. The first meeting will be Monday, September 11th at 7pm.

Future meetings will be held every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7pm at the Center.

Lambda University

LAMBDA U will be presenting a number of timely and interesting topics during September. All classes take place at the Center on Fridays. Classes are free but require advance registration. Info: 442-0185.

September 8, 5:30pm: "Fair Fighting - Communication Building"

September 15, 5:50pm: "Stress Reduction and Relaxation"

September 22, 6:00pm: "American Dream, Our Way - Same Sex Home Buying"

October 13, 5:30pm: "Self-Healing 1-A"

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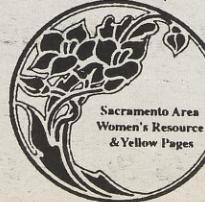
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Wanted:

One surrogate extended family

by Anne Chambers

MGW/Staff

Casey is an energetic, red-headed, freckle-faced six year old boy who lives with his parents, Mary and Tonya in an apartment near Sacramento. Casey likes to tell a story about when he was a baby and he and his mother, Mary "found" Tonya. They liked her, he says, so they "married her." While Mary is Mom or Mommy to Casey, he initially referred to Tonya as "my Tonya" but later started to call her Pappa and Pop.

Heterosexuals tend to focus on the differences between families headed by straights as opposed to those headed by gays and lesbians. However, for gay men and lesbians raising families it often seems like the differences are minimal compared to the similarities. "We get up in the morning, we put our clothes on like everyone else, we go to work, we pay the bills ... we have him (Casey) in swim lessons, Tonya plays ball with him, and we're so ordinary we're boring!" Mary says in exasperation.

The fact that some heterosexuals may view their family negatively, as do some of their relatives, bothers Mary and Tonya, but the censure they experienced in Southern California from members of the gay and lesbian community was, to them, devastating. "Not all lesbians support other lesbian's right to have chil-



MGW/Katharine Davis

Six-year-old Casey is cuddled by Tanya — his adoptive mom and Mary — his birth mother.

dren ... and some lesbians think we should only have female children," Mary says.

The first year Mary and Tonya were together they took Casey with them to the Long Beach Pride Festival.

Despite the numerous studies which show that children who grow up in gay and lesbian families end up being just as "well-adjusted" as do children who grow up in heterosexual families, the

They were shocked to see lesbians staring at them with apparent hostility and Mary remembers crying that day because she overheard women referring to her as a "breeder."

argument that it is unfair, or even cruel, to bring up a child in a gay or lesbian family is still frequently used, often by those whose approval and validation we most want.

"We were told that Casey was going to grow up and end up going through a lot of confusion and resentment," says Tonya. Mary says they were told that by "Heterosexual, homophobics...my parents!" "They sat on the back porch and told me that I would never be able to give Casey what he needed because I ... was not a man," Tonya says. Tonya and Casey went through a hard time together while they were living in Southern California.

Casey often visited his grandmother, Mary's mother. Although she loves Casey very much her inability to accept Mary and Tonya's relationship, and the ways in which she expressed her feelings about their relationship, caused Casey to become hostile toward Tonya for days at a time following visits with his grandmother and other relatives. "It got to the point where it was really affecting Casey and the way he interacted with us," Mary

says. "He'd come home after spending the weekend with my mother and he would be so mean to Tonya. For three days he would hit her and push her and be very hostile and angry. Then by about Wednesday he'd start crying and hugging Tonya," Mary says.

Mary realized it was time to put up some boundaries to protect Casey. "The person they were hurting, even though they thought that it was me and Mary," Tonya says, "was Casey." Casey was only three and four years old at the time and as Mary and Tonya explain, "All he knew was that he loved them and he loved us and he just couldn't understand why we didn't get along. Finally it got to be really devastating, and I put my foot down and said no more."

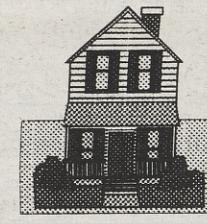
The decision to move to the Sacramento area was based in part on the need to put some distance between themselves and Mary's relatives. "I tried too hard I think, to not just make my family accept who I was, but I

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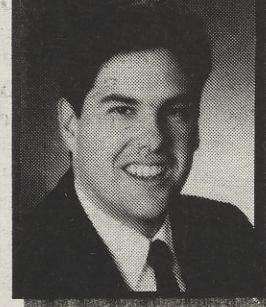
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My grandfather's lap ...

Rest in peace

by Jennifer L. Selig
MGW/Youth Editor

My grandfather died three nights ago. We bury him in two days. Caught in this seemingly interminable place of limbo between death and burial, I can't stop thinking about his life and mine, and the intersections between the two. This is a story I need to share with you, because I know somewhere in the telling of it, it will intersect again with your life.

My early memories of my grandfather come mostly from photographs. There's a series of shots of the two of us at Halloween, me in a variety of threatening poses, and he pretending to be scared out of his wits at my costume each

year. There's the one of me picking walnuts in his front yard, my first paid job and his attempt to teach me the value of saving money by paying me one thin dime a bucket, and then putting it against my will into a savings account in

my name. There's my favorite picture of me sitting on my grandfather's lap in a comfortable chair as he teaches me to read, pointing at the words he taught me to decode one by one.

My grandfather believed in the American dream of progress, he believed in the American god of money, he believed in church and family as the pillars of the American way. I feared my grandfather in some ways, feared disappointing him most of all, and when I knew in my youth that I was a lesbian, I turned to his two pillars to try to rid myself of my feelings toward women: I prayed to God to take those feelings away, and when He left those prayers unanswered, I tried to placate myself with the thought of having a family, a husband and children, securing my place in my grandfather's America.

In my early twenties, I realized that would never work, and I began to accept my sexuality, beginning the painful decision-making process of coming out. I hesitated for several years to tell my grandparents, afraid of risking their disapproval and disgust: I knew their church's position on homosexuality. But not telling my grandparents, I knew, would deny them the opportunity to ever really know me, as I would have to hide parts of myself, parts of my life, from them forever. Ironically, I thought a lot of their deaths during that time; when my grandparents had died, I wondered if I would be saddened knowing that if I didn't tell them, that they died knowing only part of me, and as a result, loving me conditionally. Did I have the power, or the right, to keep them from knowing their first granddaughter?

Finally my choice became clear, and I told them in a

three page letter. The minute they received the letter, they were on the phone to me, insisting upon driving the hour to see me. When they showed up at my door, both of their eyes were puffy with tears. On the couch that night, we had one of the most



difficult discussions of my life. They begged me to get counseling, to see their preacher; they prayed for me and told me that God was only testing me, that I could rise above and deny my sinful feelings. When I cried, they replied, "See, see how unhappy you are?" and when I tried to tell them that the

only reason I was so unhappy was because of their reaction, they refused to believe me. They left, disappointed about failing their mission, and a week later they were back, my grandfather bearing gifts of both a Bible and a Bible Dictionary in his hands. My grandfather, who first unlocked the miracle of reading words for me, now sought another miracle for his granddaughter, the miracle of conversion by reading The Word.

Being the first grandchild, and the only grandchild for seven years, had earned me a special spot in my grandparents' hearts. This spot was further secured by the several years in which my mother and I lived with my grandparents after we left my father.

But in the years following my coming out to them, I lost my position as favorite granddaughter. My younger sister took over when she married her high school sweetheart, and led the blessed life of husband, home, possessions, and in another month, baby. Often I would catch my grandfather from across the room, looking at my sister and her husband, and then glancing over at me wistfully, wishing that I could be more like her, more like them.

I tell you this story because you may struggle with whom to come out to,

and when, and why. You may wonder whether you are doing the right thing, or you may know, as I did, that either way you turn is a risk. You may want to run with hope in your mouth to tell everyone, or you may run away with cynicism and disbelief when the first Bible comes your way. I tell you this story because in two days, the hands that once held out that Bible to me will be laid at rest inside a casket of bronze, but there may be hands still waiting to embrace, or reject, you. You'll have to choose your own moral for this story, find your own meaning: my eyes are still too clouded with tears to see anything clearly.

A friend of mine once asked me if I believed in the quote, "Know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." I replied to her that yes, I believe that the truth will always set you free, but sometimes all it sets you free from is the lie or false belief that you once had. Often, the truth brings pain, frustration, anger, and disappointment. I've never regretted telling my grandparents the truth, but I have felt much pain that our relationship did not grow closer over the years, that they did not grow more accepting, and I know they carried their own pain, their own burdens, because of the truth I revealed to them. I know that my grandfather never stopped loving me, but standing between us always was the church, and though over the years we could reach around it to embrace each other, it was never the satisfying connection that either of us sought.

When somebody dies, it is inevitable to wonder where they are. I envision my grandfather now sitting in a comfortable chair in Heaven in the lap of God, who is teaching him the true meaning of the words love and acceptance, who is pointing to the words of Romans 14:13, "Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another." I can hear my grandfather's sigh of relief, and know that if he were to embrace me now, there would be nothing in our way.

I rest in peace. ▼

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Interview with Rev. Freda Smith...

Up from the ashes

by Alfred A. Parrott
MGW/Religion Editor

The Rev. Elder Freda Smith talked about the rise from the ashes of the MCC Church, the Counseling Center, and Samaritan Center. Since the fire ravaged the church it has slowly climbed back to health and prosperity in its continuing effort to provide for the community's spiritual and physical needs.

The Church has grown and added an outreach service providing for case management services for those afflicted by HIV. Located at 1722 J Street it will provide direct client services, peer counseling, food distribution and other resources. This coupled with the Samaritan Center located at 22nd & Broadway and the church proper at Mather Field make up the risen MCC.

Celebrating its 24th anniversary on September 17, MCC will host an all day celebration centering on Smith's well known sermon "Purple Grass". There will be services at 9am and 10:45am followed by a BBQ and entertainment. The gospel singer Delores Berry will be the featured entertainer.

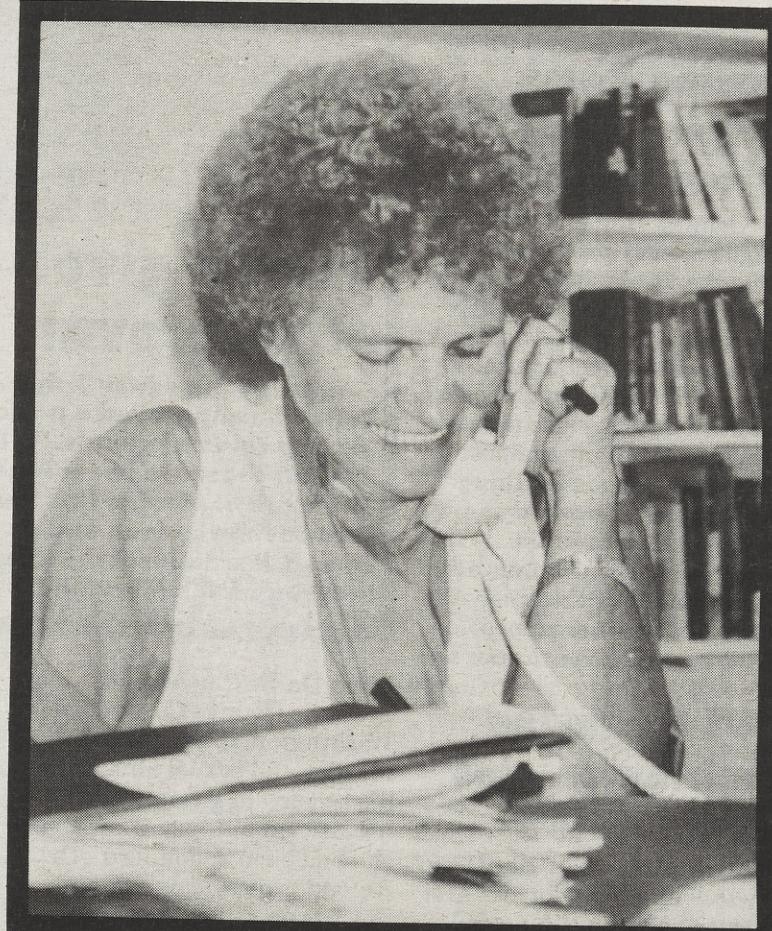
In talking with Smith the conversation turned to the feelings that were experienced during the fire that ravaged the church not so long ago. "Detestation" was the word used in describing

Well Adjusted Extended Family

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wanted them to embrace what I was, and they're not able to do that...unfortunately," Mary says, the regret plain in her voice.

Mary and Tonya have started to meet people in the Sacramento area who they hope will become part of a surrogate family for their son. Mary explains, "Aunts and uncles, people he can have around who are not necessarily biologically related but will still be positive influences, as opposed to negative ones."

With the love and care of his two moms, and the support of his new found



the initial feelings about the fire. The implication of a hate crime surfaced and still lingers in a case that has not been solved nor closed. It

caused a temporary halt in MCC's 18 year expansion program but did not cause Smith or the congregation to stop. Proving that in a true Christian spirit in working together and persevering anything is possible.

With the largest congregation since its lowly beginnings in a living room, MCC is proud to celebrate and warmly welcomes all to attend their anniversary. Smith, who has participated in many Capitol programs, studies and reformation projects is indeed a facet of the community as well known as the MCC church itself.

Since 1972 she has acted to better the lives of all she has come into contact with, both straight and gay, and the single most aspect that stands out about Smith as she speaks is her Christian attitude towards all mankind. Smith is adamant about one thing and will probably always emphasize it when speaking. "We're Right" she says when talking about the fact that there is no basis for homosexuality being considered sinful or wrong. When asked about the next 100

years Smith foresees MCC leading a spiritual reformation that will rival the "Reformation" lead by Martin Luther. "The time we live in now" Smith says "will be looked upon as a Golden Age." ▼

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friends in Sacramento's gay and lesbian community, Casey, unlike his parents, will hopefully never know the pain of not being accepted for who he is by people he loves. ▼

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NEWS CLIPS

by Anne Chambers
MGW/Staff

Not guilty plea in lesbian murder case

A retired American River College art instructor, accused of murdering a woman she felt was a romantic rival, pleaded not guilty at her arraignment in Marin on August 8. Phyllis Yvonne Robbins, 67, faces more than 30 years in prison, if convicted of the June 5 murder of 71-year-old-Barbara "Bobby" Wilson whose severely beaten body was found in the kitchen of her home by paramedics responding to a 911 call from a woman claiming to be having a heart attack. Robbins' attorney has acknowledged that Robbins was in Wilson's home on the morning of the murder and called 911.

Halloween party to move by 1996

This October 31, the annual Castro Halloween Party will be held on Castro Street for the last time. The Neighborhood Coalition is committed to moving the annual party out of the Castro by next year. The 1994 Halloween party drew a crowd of 300,000-500,000 people. More than 50 people were arrested, several automatic weapons were confiscated, and one person was shot. In an effort to reduce the crowd size in the Castro this year the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence will host a Halloween party South of Market.

Bay Area Reporter

Galleon Supper Club to reopen

The Galleon Supper Club on 14th Street in San Francisco, which was closed by the IRS on August 1, is set to reopen after being closed for less than two weeks. Al

Jenkins, the Club's operator, says the club's management was trying to "sort out" some tax problems, and the club would reopen as the result of a court order telling the IRS to allow the restaurant to reopen.

Bay Area Reporter

Gay community supports Yeager for Assembly

Openly gay Assembly candidate Ken Yeager has reported more than \$50,000 in contributions so far to his campaign. This makes him the frontrunner in the race to represent the 23rd District. Yeager attributes about two-thirds of the money raised to the gay community. Volunteers are needed to staff Yeager's headquarters. Call (408)271-9040.

Bay Area Reporter

Gay course offered in Berkeley

The Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley is offering the course, "Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Spiritualities" for graduate students. The course will begin on September 5 and conclude December 15. Info: (510)845-6232.

Bay Area Reporter

Cher's proud of Chastity

Hollywood reporters are quoting Cher as saying that she is proud of her daughter, Chastity Bono. Cher reportedly says, "I'm proud of her, she writes for the Advocate all the time. I said to her recently, I didn't know I was raising a gay activist, but I guess that's what's supposed to be." Cher acknowledges that Chastity had a difficult time coming out because she didn't want to "hurt" her parents. Cher adds, "...I have never known anybody nicer than my daughter; she's a

fine person, and I am so proud of her."

Bay Area Reporter

ANGLES seeks new members

The gay and lesbian employee group of Andersen Consulting, ANGLES, is looking for more members within the company.

Info: Terry Rouman at Andersen Octel node 495, Ext. 8058.

Bay Area Reporter

Coming Home Hospice Bingo raises \$16,000

Coming Home Hospice Bingo recently presented three charities with a combined total of \$16,000 which was raised during its weekly bingo games. Although the purpose of the bingo games is a solemn one; to raise money to help in the fight against AIDS, the game is anything but solemn. The weekly games take place in the Castro and, as one volunteer says, "This isn't the bingo your grandmother played!"

Bay Area Reporter

OUT Magazine contributor wins media award

Honoring a contributor to gay/lesbian media for the first time, the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) has named OUT Magazine contributor Eric K. Washington first-place winner of a 1995 National Media Award for "Going Home With the Visible Man," a profile of AIDS policymaker Phill Wilson.

Coroner blames gays for rape and murder of child

Gays and lesbians nationwide were outraged recently



Queen gives royal stamp of approval

For the first time in British Postal history, Queen Elizabeth II has approved a postage stamp commemorating pop culture legends. "It is shocking that Her Majesty has chosen to honor American icons Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe first, instead of British pop stars such as John Lennon and the Beatles," stated John Van Emden, President of the International Collectors Society in Owings Mills, Maryland. Info: 1-800-624-4427.

when Dr. Dexter Amend, Spokane County Coroner in Washington state, blamed the murder and sexual abuse of a nine-year-old girl on gays because an autopsy showed she had been sodomized. Dr. Amend is quoted as saying, "She's been sodomized over and over and sodomy is a homosexual act, it is. To have everybody think homosexuality is OK is a bunch of baloney. It's a horrible, unbelievable thing that this child went through and they (homosexuals) destroyed her life."

Robert Bray of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) says, "Dr. Amend's bigoted and unconscionable comments are revolting, medically unsound and dangerous. He is fueling an environment of harassment and violence..." The Spokane Human Rights Commission has called for Dr. Amend's

resignation. The girl's uncle has been arrested and has confessed to the killing.

"Celebrate Diversity" billboards proposed

The West Virginia Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights hopes to rent six billboards for National Coming Out Day in October. The Charleston chapter of the Coalition plans to raise \$2,500 to pay for six billboards which will feature the rainbow flag in the background, with "Celebrate Diversity" written across it. The bottom of the billboard will say, "Gay and Straight West Virginians United."

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SOUND BITES

Hail to King Hootie!

reviewed by Vicki T. Purslow
MGW/Staff

Ten years ago, who would have ever thought that some band named **Hootie and the Blowfish** would bump Michael Jackson out of the number one spot on the pop record charts? At an impressive 57 weeks on the pop charts, Hootie's latest release, *Cracked Rear View*, offers listeners a terrific blend of simplistic rock combined with elements of folk and motown. Add to that the rough edge of singer Darius Rucker's voice and you've got a real captivating sound. The album, already at multi-platinum status, features the hits "Let Her Cry," "Only Wanna Be With You," and "Hold My Hand." With a rating of four triangles, Hootie is too hot to handle. ▼▼▼▼

Although many of you have been flocking to see *The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls In Love*, its understandable that few are flocking to the record store to purchase the soundtrack. The music lacks direction; it was all I could do to listen to

the entire disk. With so many wonderful movie score composers there is

no need to spend time with this amateur and lackluster LP.

No triangles.

Jimmy Buffett fans will be sure to enjoy his latest, *Barometer Soup*. Debuting at number six on the pop charts, this LP is Buffett's 26th album. Mixing country with cajun and light pop rock, this is a delight from start to finish. ▼▼▼

Spellbound is the new release by contemporary jazz guitarist **Joe Taylor**. Listen to the smooth sounds of this LP and it's clear why Taylor is critically acclaimed by both *Jazziz* and *Jazz Times* magazines. Highlights the soprano sax work by Dave Koz and Alan St. Jon on Hammond organ. Al B. Sure, pop, rhythm and blues vocalist, does nice work on a cover of Gino Vanelli's "I Just Wanna Stop," but this version is real anti-climatic when compared to Vanelli's classic rendition. ▼▼

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Hootie and the Blowfish: Soni, Mark Bryan, Dean Felber, Darius Rucker.

Talented cast enhances Garbeau's performance

by Jeanne Wolfe
MGW/Staff

Murder on the Nile, Garbeau's Dinner Theater, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, thru September 10. 985-6361.

Garbeau's Dinner Theater offers a witty, well-crafted and entertaining production of Agatha Christie's *Murder On The Nile*. *Murder On the Nile* is a classic Christie mystery, involving love, jealousy, greed, and of course, murder, among passengers on board a paddle steamer traveling on the Nile to Wadi Halfa. The characters are memorable. They include Kay, a strong willed, sassy, and very rich young woman who has just married Simon, an articulate, smart young man with a questionable past. Jacqueline is Kay's best friend and Simon's ex-fiance. She is crazed with jealousy, stalking them on their honeymoon cruise down the Nile. Dr. Bessner is an emotional, out-spoken physician who was ruined years ago by Kay's father Louise, Kay's maid, is jealous of Kay's wealth and standing. Canon Pennefather, a dedicated clergyman, is Kay's guardian and whose presence on the

steamer appears to be only by happenstance. Miss frollliot froulkes is a cranky, domineering spinster whose grand-niece, Christina, is her opposite, sweet and dear. Mr. Smith, a Socialist who is both witty and serious, finds himself falling in love with Christina and developing a strong dislike for her aunt.

Who will be killed and by whom? That is the mystery. From the beginning, director Dale Moon skillfully sets a mood of suspense: the lighting is low and drums

rhythmically play in the background, as the paddle steamer travels along the Nile. It is a hot, steamy desert night, which, as Jacqueline says, is the type of evening when things snap. And so they do. The entire play takes place in the observation saloon of the paddle steamer, which is artfully designed with two Egyptian murals on either side and several windows on the back wall, overlooking the deck of the steamer. The saloon provides an ideal setting for the characters to meet and move about. Beth Mallette-Anderson must be complimented for her costume design and selection, which captures the look and feel of the 1920's.

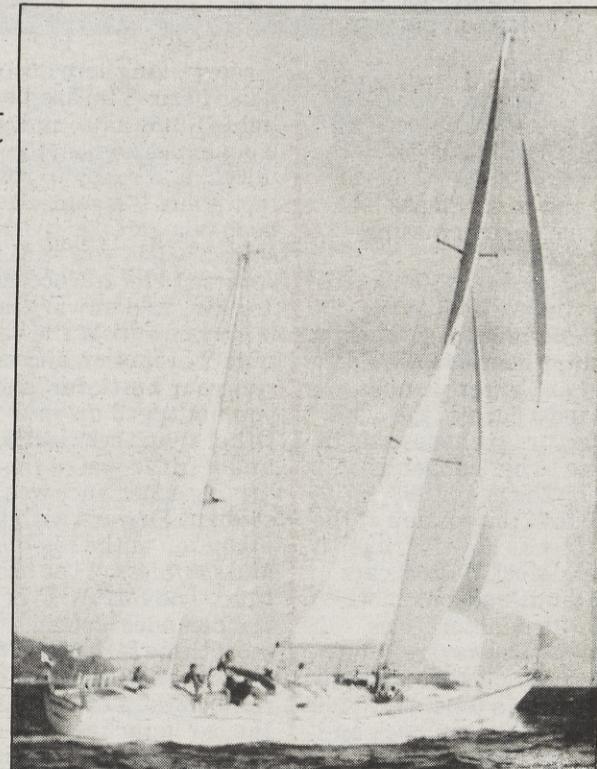
The cast of *Murder On The Nile* is truly talented, with each member delivering solid, convincing performances. It should be noted that Gary Weinberg gave a delightful performance as the funny, bumbling Steward.

Murder on the Nile is well worth seeing. ▼

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MGW writer drives the prototype \$100,000 electric SMUD car

by Christopher Solis

MGW/Staff

I was both excited and cautious upon hearing Dace Udris from SMUD say the MGW could have the General Motors Electric Test Vehicle the *IMPACT* for a weekend of evaluation. The excitement was generated by the chance to visit close up the technology of tomorrow. The apprehension stems from the knowledge that this is *not* a cheap vehicle. Hand assembled in Michigan at what used to be the Assembly plant where the now discontinued *Buick Reatta* was put together, the GM *IMPACT* is a limited run of a test/prototype vehicle of the future. While there has been talk of what a vehicle "of this type" would cost upon hitting the market ("of this type" because there has been no affirmation that GM will *actually* produce the *IMPACT*), the cost for this

drive of the car, the *very first* impression everyone had was how *quiet* the *IMPACT* was. With no pistons hammering away up front, this car makes a Lexus sound deafening.

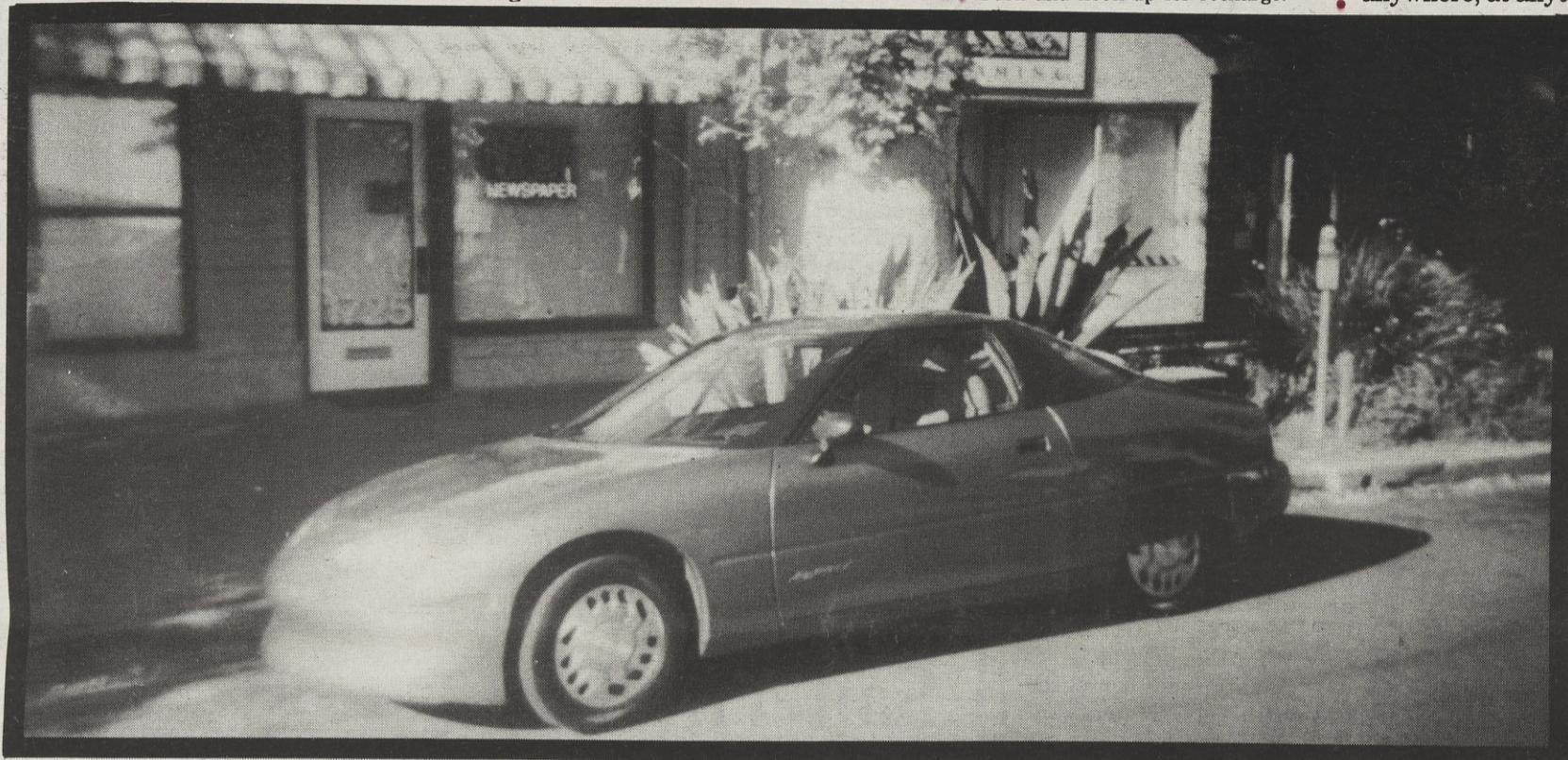
the odometer. Return to work. **6pm Friday:** Outta work, and to the car. All the girls in the office scream (literally) at the car's *cuteness*. A barrage of questions is fired (in a pattern, which would continue throughout the weekend). "What is it? Who makes it? How fast does it go? How far can you go?" And... the ever dreaded, "How much does it cost?" The replies were complex but courteous and would diminish in both categories through the weekend. "The *IMPACT*, GM, eighty miles per hour, about 80 miles, and, presently, more than any of us can afford."

6:30pm Friday: Arrive home and learn all about hooking up an electric car for recharge. Place the pancake looking disc into the front slot of the car, kind of like a CD with a cord attached to it. Rob

pedestrians and two young gentlemen in a lowered Toyota next to me who could only describe the *IMPACT* as "Slammin". A different car load of men attempt to have conversation at sixty miles per hour on the freeway. A woman in a shopping mall looks at the car, with head tilted and asks "What is it?" Upon answering and after a long pause she responds with the most brilliant question of the weekend. "Oh. How much gas does it use?" Range six miles (Oh no!), EMPTY with warning lights on, and odometer reading of fifty five miles.

11pm Saturday: One last cruise for the day. Look down, "Oh no" only 5 miles left on the range. Stop at downtown power station. Designated electric station does not match power cord. Limp home. Park and hook up for recharge.

attractive package like this to us, the average consumer, for a price that will not only give us a reason to take a second look, but attractive enough to lure us away from our convenient gasoline cars? Let's face it, one weekend with the electric car pointed out more than a few draw backs. Throughout the weekend the question was asked "How many miles do I have left?" and "Oh-my-God, how many miles is it to HOME?!" Maintaining a radius around one home is like, freedom on a leash. The leisure of going anywhere, at anytime you



particular car has to be that in the \$100,000 range. (Although an actual figure was not available, when asked, the SMUD representative merely smiled and said "Please look both ways before crossing intersections.")

So, here was the opportunity to glimpse behind the curtain of the future. The not too distant future, it would appear, as California has mandated a percentage of all manufacturers vehicles sold in the state to be "zero emissions" by the year 1998.

My first impression of the *IMPACT* was how "carlike" it appears. Most electric cars I've encountered look more like glorified motorcycles. The impact, however, is an enclosed vehicle that is broad in front with a tapered tail. It has fender skirts in back and is very, "swoopy". The interior, for the most part, is standard fare. Once seated, the occupants face a wide, wrap-around dash board, with instruments mounted in the high center of the dash, rather than in front of the driver. The read-outs are digital, including a bar graph read-out for how much "fuel" is left. The dash is broad, giving you a feeling that the base of the windshield is far away. (This was later described by some passengers as a great asset towards a feeling of non-claustrophobia).

It is wrapped up in a tidy champagne/taupe colored package that gives credence to tastefulness, rather than a wowie-zowie, juvenile neon paint job would have given. Upon first

We're talking zero decibels of noise here. The dash board lights illuminate, and *that* is your indication that your juiced, and ready to roll. In fact, there is a gentle audible beep (ala garbage truck) that sounds when you engage reverse to let the occasional dog, cat, and unwary pedestrian know, that the vehicle is in fact in motion and about to run your butt over, should you not speed up your walker. Other than these initial nuances the rest of the driving experience was straight forward with the exception of the smoothness and swiftness of the acceleration. The *IMPACT* is no performance slouch. It'll give most three series BMW owners and one very embarrassed Miata owner fits, when the car launches from a stop light. Of course, continuing such American Graffiti escapades will extract a huge penalty to your electricity. But a single, to-the-corner-and-back, run to Baskin and Robbins was never so much fun!

It was decided a diary would be kept to inform SMUD and GM what driving the car was like and so you could peek too, around the future corner:

1pm Friday: Stop by the SMUD/GM PreView center to pick up the car. Dennis explains all the buttons and what their functions are. Pretty neat stuff! We go for a spin and he is satisfied that I won't be attempting to drive the car around corners on two wheels and "signs me off" for my weekend experience. The range-o-meter says 34 miles till "empty", three quarters charged, and zero miles on

(partner extrodinaire) is amazed that he never heard the car drive up, only the door slam. Sister calls and says "bring it over!" Mom calls and says "bring it over!" get home, and the read-out is a pessimistic twelve miles on the range, near empty and thirty-five miles on the odometer.

8:30pm Friday: Fab friends Dave & Gene call. "Bring it over!" First lesson in the drawbacks to an electric vehicle. "Can't. No juice, maybe later."

9:30pm Friday: Run to Dave and Gene's and they (as everyone else) fawn over the car. It's so "Blade Runner-esque" Gene touts. (A new vocabulary is born.) Sit and visit while the car is charging in the driveway. "If this thing doubles our electric bill, I'm mailing it to you!" Gee, what great friends. Return home at midnight, put the car to bed with the charger in. End day total: Fifty seven miles covered during the day, "tank" empty, range eleven.

7:30am Saturday: Unplug charger. Thirty eight miles on the range (Now that's more like it!), three quarters full, odometer at zero. Head out to Muffins Etc. to grab a muffin and coffee. Crowd gathers. Questions answered. Hit three garage sales and give up after the third, no purchases are made, and becoming a roving questions answerer. Most popular opinion so far: "It looks like a Jaguar." "No, it looks like one of them French cars!"

12:30pm Saturday: Head to the Natural Foods Co-Op. Eat lunch (try to). Answer questions (with mouth full). Enjoy that this is one of the few places in town, one can enjoy a beverage, while the car charges in a dedicated spot the store has reserved for electric cars. And no charge for the electricity! Man approaches, "Hey the security guy in the parking lot says that you're the one with the electric car!" After my brief heart attack he assures me "No, I haven't hit it, I just want to ask some questions." Another man approaches. Debate for half an hour, why I can't let him take it for a drive, even for \$50.

4:30pm Saturday: Return home after visiting father's house and answering questions from

10am Sunday: Turn on car to check recharge. Battery damage light comes on and doesn't go out. Call one of the half a dozen numbers GM has provided on the cellular phone they have also provided. Sean from GM says he'll come to my home to investigate.

11am Sunday: Bad news. The *IMPACT* has a problem that cannot be resolved in the driveway. The car is loaded on flatbed and hauled away. Sean calls from the PreView Center to ask a number of questions (Each with underlying tone of "What did you do to our car?"). He is very polite, and says he will call later in the day after a thorough check of the car's power systems.

3pm Sunday: Good news. Sean from GM calls to say the car's problem may lie with my running it continuously on low charges without a full recharge. (This is good news?) Car will be returned after a few more checks and a wash.

4pm Sunday: Car is returned and the abbreviated duration of the stay is uneventful. The questions from onlookers persist, until Monday morning when the car is reluctantly returned without further incidents to the car's charging systems.

Overall, the *IMPACT* represents probably the closest production-ready electric vehicle that we've seen on the road. With the 1998 mandate coming soon, and with other eastern states adopting California's strict auto air quality standards, a vehicle of this type is just around the corner. Would I like to have a car like this in my driveway? Well, the answer is a qualified, yes. There are many questions asked rather than answered by this car. Can General Motors, and other manufacturers bring a reliable,

choose is a luxury many of us take for granted. A vehicle with the *IMPACT*'s limitations is strictly a second vehicle in most households. One gasoline car, for real trips and the *IMPACT*, for work and grocery runs. Twenty thousand (If a car like this can even be produced for that little) is a hard amount to justify to most folks for a grocery runner. All these questions, and beyond that, what about the batteries? Are we creating new problems by

passing this type of legislation without having a plan in effect for what happens to recycle these cars and their components? We'll find out the answer to these questions soon. Ford and other auto

makers, as of this writing, are lobbying the State of California to rescind or delay the 1998 deadline. Many auto companies believe that they will not be able to bring this vehicle to the motoring public without some sort of subsidies. Perhaps, even raising the price of gasoline cars to offset the cost of electric cars and to make them a more attractive alternative. No matter how you read it, things will not be getting cheaper in the coming years, at least not cars. But HEY, what is all this negativity? For now, throw the top down on your gas guzzling Chevy, find an open road with no gas station or civilization for a hundred miles, and go for it! We might all find some of the simple pleasures we now enjoy, a novelty, in the new millennium. ▼



Interview with Paul Rudnick ...

Hot gay writer brings *Jeffrey* from stage to screen

by Chris Narloch
Guest Writer

I'm not surprised the successful gay writer Paul Rudnick has a throne in his living room — he must feel like the king of Hollywood right now. Hot on the heels of a string of box office hits (*Sister Act* and the *Addams Family* movies), the big-screen version of Rudnick's smash play *Jeffrey* is opening in theaters nationwide.

The movie stars Sigourney Weaver, Patrick Stewart (of *Star Trek Generations*), and Steven Weber (of TV's *Wings*). The first comedy about AIDS, *Jeffrey* is poised to become the biggest gay hit since *Philadelphia*.

I met Rudnick recently and was treated to an endless string of snappy one-liners as well as some heartfelt opinions on everything from homophobia in Hollywood to the absolute necessity of humor in the face of the AIDS crisis.

Rudnick is resolute in his defense of a comedy about AIDS. "We couldn't have a movie like *Jeffrey* without *Philadelphia*," Rudnick says. "It proved to Hollywood that there is an audience for an AIDS movie, for a gay movie. And now that we're ten to fifteen years into the crisis, we can afford a diversity of perspectives so that comedy is now entirely appropriate."

The other taboo Rudnick wanted to tackle was the idea of gay romance, and he hit on the idea of a movie love story along the lines of an old Rock Hudson/Doris Day film, but with a gay twist. Steven Weber's *Jeffrey*, who has sworn off sex for fear of AIDS, stands in for Doris, and Michael T. Weiss' character, the HIV+ gym-queen, Steve, is the Rock Hudson-style hunk, in relentless pursuit of his object of affection.

The writer hopes the romantic aspirations of the movie will give it a universal appeal, and that same-sex couples, male and female, will make it a date-night occasion. "Gay romance is a real taboo in movies," Rudnick explains. "They'll allow gay sexuality, but a fully-dressed, same-sex

kiss by candlelight is oddly panic-inducing. So it's wonderful to me to watch these two gorgeous guys go for it in *Jeffrey*."

When I question Rudnick about the objection some gay people have to handsome, straight actors taking gay roles, the writer laughs. "Some politically correct people will ask, 'Why are some of those guys so hunky?'" Rudnick says. "I thought, 'Wait a minute. I'm in the position of defending good-looking guys? Now gym-queens are going to require federal funding?'" No. One of the great pleasures of the movies is seeing actors who are far sexier than the rest of us fall in love. And beyond that, with the character of Steve, I wanted to show that there are many wildly healthy, sexual people with AIDS. I mean, here's this amazingly sexy, appealing guy who's HIV+. Who could resist him?"

The screenwriter is quick to point out that it was actress Sigourney Weaver, not any of those 'hunky guys', who helped get the movie version off the ground. "We had a great deal of trouble casting *Jeffrey*," Rudnick explains. "There was an enormous amount of rejection, some of which was due to the material, and that it was not just gay, but sexually and romantically gay, and that it was a comedy about AIDS. When Sigourney signed on, it gave the movie real credibility."

Weaver plays Debra Woodhouse, a new-age evangelist, a performance as commanding as her Ripley was in the *Alien* movies. In a clever cult-like sequence, she



offers shallow solace to *Jeffrey* and other 12-step followers. Rudnick even finds laughs in the competitiveness and abundance of AIDS fundraisers, hence the riotous "Hoe-Down For AIDS" scene, with dancing gay cowboys in a Broadway-style production number.

Rudnick has no fear that audiences will be offended by some of the movie's wilder humor, including a cigarette-smoking Mother Teresa and the Catholic priest Jeffrey goes to for spiritual guidance who turns out to be gay and nearly rapes him. "With the play, we always hoped for some sort of outcry," Rudnick says. "I always wondered when there'd be a walkout or a protest, and there never was."

I ask about his brief career as a journalist, and the playwright confirms that he did indeed make up better quotes when the person he was interviewing wasn't saying anything particularly interesting or funny. "I was a completely irresponsible journalist," Rudnick says, "which is why I was only assigned stories on the level of covering the auction of the Joan Crawford estate, which included the

Jeffrey, Steven Weber, and Steve, Michael T. Weiss in the romantic comedy *Jeffrey*, the film adaptation of the hit off-Broadway play by Paul Rudnick.

sale of 80 pairs of her false eyelashes in a baggy, and a styrofoam pepsi cooler and a rather cheap Woolworth's waste basket."

I ask Hollywood's hottest gay writer how he avoids the seduction to sell-out in Tinseltown, and Rudnick dismisses the idea in his standard self-deprecating style. "I resist all of these temptations by not being able to drive," Rudnick explains. "I failed the driving test six times which is why I can never remain in Los Angeles for very long."

While he isn't very high on Hollywood (Rudnick still lives in New York and works in the theater), he is thrilled by the big-name stars who agreed to appear in *Jeffrey*, many of them working for scale or below. Patrick Stewart plays one of Jeffrey's friends, a swishy interior designer who may come as a shock to fans of *Star Trek*. "I love it when Patrick is twirling his velvet cape and wearing the tiara," Rudnick says. "And you think, 'This is the man who played great Shakespearean roles.' And it shows. He knows how to work a cape!"

The most elaborate costumes in *Jeffrey* were

designed for Olympia Dukakis as Mrs. Marcangelo and for her 'pre-operative, transsexual, lesbian son'. "They're in leopard-skin spandex, rhinestone sunglasses and big hair," Rudnick says. "They look like outlying members of the Judd family."

Rudnick becomes serious when I ask him about *Jeffrey*'s failed quest to remain celibate and the message, if any, the movie might have for gays. "There was a feeling early on in the epidemic that gay lives would be wiped off the face of the earth," Rudnick says. "Now that it's clear we're here to stay, and the disease is still here, we need each other more than ever. There's no promise of true love, satisfaction, and there's almost a guarantee of heartbreak, but what's your alternative? Nothing?"

After Rudnick leaves for his next interview, his final words ring in my head and bring to mind my favorite moment in the movie when a friend tells Jeffrey to "think of AIDS as the guest who won't leave, the one we all hate." And then he says, "It's still out party." ▼

ENTERTAINMENT

The play ...

Jeffrey ... worth the price of admission

reviewed by Lou Camera
DGW/Staff

The particulars of just how one personally deals with sex in their life until a cure for AIDS is found is as different as there are individuals. Paul Rudnick's award winning play, *Jeffrey*, is about one gay man's decision, and attempt, to live with his decision.

Jeffrey (John Jensen), a would be actor, is looking for a substitute for sex after deciding to give up sex. For some this may not be very much of an undertaking, but

for our dear, sweet, innocent looking Jeffrey, it will take some doing, because he really likes, no not likes, loves sex. He is the guy who makes the gay men in right-wing

articles with 5,000 sex partners "seem like shut-ins." Unfortunately, in his attempt to avoid AIDS, he avoids the reality of living. *Jeffrey* is about the pursuit for "sex-lite, sex helper, and/or I-can't-believe-it's-not-sex."

Jeffrey's search takes him to the gym, a TV quiz show — *It's Just Sex*, a hoedown for AIDS, a fantasy call to his parents, memorial services with Siegfried and Roy, the Lower Manhattan Gentlemen's Masturbation Society, and Ms. Moorhouse, the nation's hottest "post-modern evangelist." As can be expected, when he least expects it, he meets Steven (John Lobo), Mr. Right, a gorgeous hunk. Unfortunately, Steven is HIV+ and Jeffrey can't handle a relationship with someone who is positive.

Opening night was well received by the audience. The opening sequence — a slow strip by Jensen, not part of the original production, appears to be there only to heighten the sexual excite-

Lambda Players garner 10 Elly nominations

The Lambda Players recently received 10 Elly nominations from the Sacramento Area Regional Theater Alliance (SARTA) for their 1994-95 season.

"This is the first time in our six year history that we have been nominated for an Elly," said Maureen Gaynor of the Lambda Players Producer's Committee, "and to receive 10 of them is very exciting."

Three shows received nominations, covering all aspects of theatre. *The Lisbon Traviata* received five nominations in the drama category, including best production; Cathy Reeves for directing; Robert Irvin for lead actor; Blair Leatherwood for supporting actor and Wayne Spellman for set design.

In the comedy category, *Eastern Standard* was nominated for two awards, including Ken Figeroi lead actor and Cathy Reeves, director.

Neil Treganza's *One*

other actors were recruited locally for this production and, as of opening night, some of the timing failed to move as well. Overall the production was was, light and worth the price of admission.

Two performances of particular note are those of Jacqueline Schultz and William Hedge. Schultz, who played a number of roles

Christmas Carol in Ten was nominated in the category of musical for set design, and George Klumb in the category of original works for best production and adapted script.

"The wide range of nominations show us that we are doing a lot of things right," Gaynor said. "It is very encouraging."

The Lambda Players open their 1995-96 season on October 6, with a six-week run of the camp comedy *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*. Additional shows scheduled for the season are *Home for the Holidays*, a Christmas/New Year's musical revue, *Edward II* and *A Lesbian Perspective* in repertory and *The Boys in the Band* and *The Killing of Sister George*, also in repertory. ▼

excellent. In his role we are taken from shopping for fine cashmere and plush living to the pain of losing a partner

Jeffrey

who had a wonderful radiance and outlook on life, in spite of problems with his AZT, transitions Hedge easily handled.

Jeffrey, whose all to brief eight performance run will have closed by the time this review is printed, (although, as we go to press Schultz is considering running the play at FACES during the Rainbow Festival) was performed in The Studio Theatre at 1028 R Street. The Studio Theatre, is an outstanding performance space. Special thanks should be extended to Faces, It's About Time, Sports and Leisure Travel, *Magpie Weekly*, Postcards Etc., *Mom Guess What Newspaper*, *Dad Guess What Newspaper* and the Lambda Community Center for sponsoring the production, which was first off island production of the Offstage Actors Group of Honolulu. ▼

Editor's note: The movie Jeffrey starts September 7 at the Tower Theatre.

Film Festival set for October 19

The Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival has been set for October 19 in the Redwood Room, CSUS Student Union, and October 20-21 in the newly restored Crest Theater.

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Exploring within ...

The continued development of conscious partnerships

by Lydia Frances, MSW
MGW/Staff

The last article addressed what it means to "mind the baby". That is, becoming aware of those unfulfilled, unmet needs of childhood and learning ways to care for those places in ways you would have wanted mom or dad to care for them. It also addressed the importance of healing those wounds in developing and maintaining conscious partnerships. This article will identify a five step process that can be used as a basic framework for exploring areas that need attention and will look at what you might expect to encounter as you go within.

The process of exploring

The first step in the process is to observe how you relate to your partner or potential partner, particularly when it seems your needs are not being met. These are the times that usually point you in the direction of areas to be explored. As an example, are you the one initiating contact or do you tend to distance when your partner is wanting more contact? When you are emotionally restimulated, do you tend to cling to your partner, or do you tend to distance? How do you deal with separation from your partner? Do you panic every time she is away, or do you long for more alone time? What emotions arise when you are emotionally restimulated? These are but a few of the questions that can help you to begin unraveling the mystery of how you tend to cope and provide insight into what developmental level is necessary for you to relate to your "baby".



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The second step is to be willing to sit with the answers to these questions. To sit with the emotions, thoughts, needs, and feelings that come up. This can be a difficult prospect because it means spending time with yourself. It means con-

sciously choosing to sit with what may be some uncomfortable questions and insights. In the beginning, it may be necessary to moderate how much time you choose to do this so as not to feel overwhelmed.



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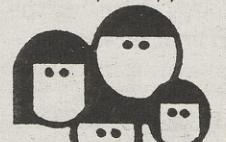
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Whether you are in relationship or single you may experience a variety of different emotions. You may at times find yourself sad, angry, cranky, upset with your partner or friends, lonely, or confused. You may not know how to identify feelings, and have a need for reflection from those closest to you. You may likely encounter emotions that you perhaps are experiencing consciously for the first time. It is important to learn to regulate the depth to which you are willing to experience them.

You may find that there is excitement at exploring areas that before now were ignored or hesitation in stepping out and doing life differently. You may find that you want to explore and experience all that you can, or that you want to withdraw to regain your sense of balance. Relationships that were once fulfilling may no longer serve you. Other relationships may blossom as you begin to fully come into your own self. You will likely have a fuller, richer life experience.

The process outlined above is a simplified version of how people meander through exploring those unmet needs of childhood. It does, however, provide a springboard from which to begin the journey. One of the things I want to emphasize is the importance of an adequate support system throughout the process. This may include friends, family, a partner, a therapist, or group. These people will be able to listen, reflect back your thoughts and feelings, and nurture you as you learn to care for yourself. You need not go it alone.

Lydia Frances, MSW is an intern in private practice guiding the work of individuals, couples, and groups. ▼

The family dog vs the meter reader

by Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

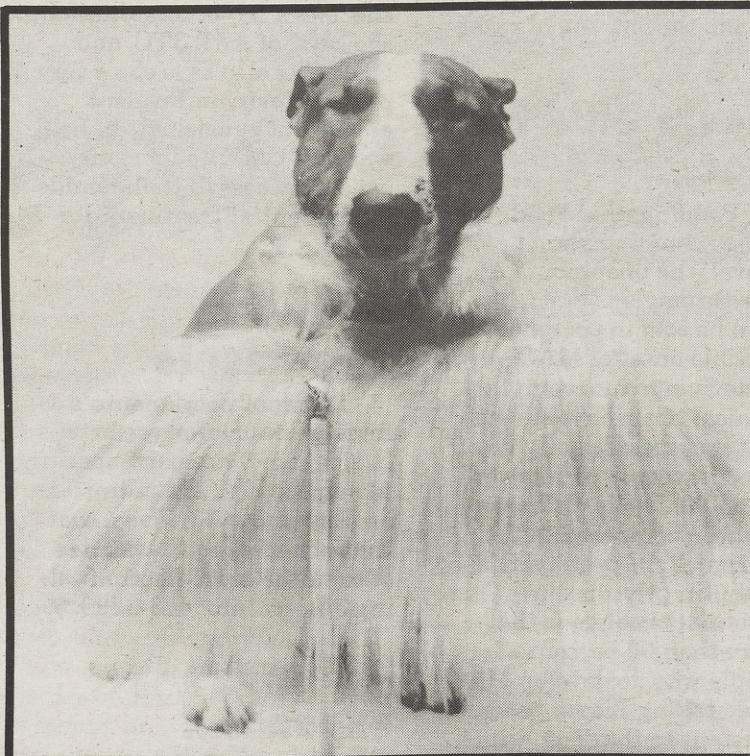
Every month our homes are visited by a variety of service people in uniform that prove a challenge to the family dog. This past month I had the opportunity to conduct a training workshop for PG & E, in both Sacramento and Davis in order to help educate meter-readers about canine behavior and toss out possible solutions to the problems they deal with on a daily basis with family pets in the process of "doing their jobs". It isn't an easy problem to solve as the dog, being a territorial creature, is also "just doing its job" in protecting the premise.

All meter-readers do carry pepper spray. If a dog appears to be a real threat, they will use it. Of course, this has the effect of creating an ongoing problem as the dog won't forget and may become even more resistant to intruders, even those who mean no harm. Many of the members of the groups that I addressed had already tried my old standby remedy to "make friends of the dog" by always having some dog biscuits handy. This usually works very well with normal, average dogs.

Some of the steps that the public can take to ease matters include such measures as finding out the reading schedule and making sure that the dog is kept out of the yard on that day. If possible, have a kennel or dog area where the dog is kept away from the site of the meter to be read. Keep in

This puppy is trying to disguise himself before the meter reader comes into his yard!!!

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mind that once the meter reader is in the yard, the appearance of the owner can exacerbate a problem. The barking dog may become more protective once the owner appears on the scene. Yelling at the dog only creates more of a problem as the dog may perceive it as help from the owner meaning that the intruder really is a problem.

Responsible pet owners will always work to make sure that their dog creates no problems intentionally. Then, there's the others....loose dogs, chained dogs, packs of dogs, and belligerent owners. It would be nice if everyone would cooperate, but humans being what they are, the life of a meter-reader may always involve some hazardous duty. If you can make their life easier, it is in all of our best interests.

Other stuff!!

September 9 (Sat): New TRICK CLASS by Common Sense Dog Training, 485 2201.

September 20 (Wed): All day workshop on READING DOGS (Recognizing Stress and Aggression) and DEFENSIVE DOG HANDLING (Because you're usually bitten when you least expect it) by Trainer/Behaviorist Sue Sternberg, Sacramento County Animal Control on Bradshaw Rd.; (707) 745 4237; \$40.

September 23: CCI/Roseville Lions ALL YOU CAN EAT RIB FEAST. Benefit Canine Companions

For Independence, \$15, 722 4243. No tickets at the door.

October 21 (Sat): SPCA Reigning Cats and Dogs Gala. 7-9pm, Sacramento Convention Center; festive auction, food and wine; \$30 or \$50 per couple, SPCA, Box 191272, Sacto. 95819 or Reigning Cats and Dogs, 5617 H Street, or Premium Pet, 6067 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights.

Don't miss this year's Bigger and Better California State Fair which runs through Labor Day. Some highlights for Animal Lovers this year are the Big Cat Act.; Bill Scott's Stock Dogs in Action and those magnificent Hollywood Dancing Horses.

Looking for a way to cool off? Check out the Misting System at the booth across from the entrance to Water World (near the fountain). I bought one for the dog area and it REALLY WORKS. The Misty Man, Rob Walsh, 974-8222.▼

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On the HIV front....

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Quilt sewing room expands...

*Sacramento's NAMES Project chapter added Wednesday evenings to their Saturday AIDS Memorial Quilt panelmaking workshops. Upcoming "sewing bees," to provide information or assistance to people who wish to make a panel for someone they've lost in this epidemic (or for someone they didn't even know), are scheduled for Wed., Sept. 6, Wed., Oct. 4, 6-8 pm, Sat., Oct. 21, Sat., Nov. 18 10am-2pm. All sewing bees are held at Pioneer Church at 27th and L Sts. Panelmaking Chair James Ozanich says several new panels are expected to be crafted in preparation for Sacramento's annual Dec. 1 World AIDS Day Quilt Display.

*The 12' x 12's sent to the Sacramento Chapter by the San Francisco NAMES Foundation for local displays thru early December are Nos. 7, 885, 888, 892, 894-895, 897, 900, 902, and 906. Three of the 12' x 12's (containing eight panels each) will be displayed at the Sept 3

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Sacramento readers are invited to add the names of their loved ones to MGW's remembrance column. Please call 648-1120 at least 30 days prior to the anniversary month of your loss. For those who have lost a loved one to the AIDS epidemic and may be interested in obtaining information about creating a NAMES memorial panel, please call 484-5646. ▼

Rainbow Festival. If a panel has already been made for someone you care about, it can be requested by name or by panel number from the Sacramento Chapter for future quarterly display shipments. Info: 484-5646. ▼

AIDS Walk...

Put Sunday Oct. 8 on your calendar to participate in the city's annual AIDS walk. The event begins with an 8 am "mass on the grass" sponsored by the AIDS Interfaith Network at the west steps of the Capitol. The Walk starts at 9:30 but come early for the religious service. Capital City Squares says they will be carrying two International Square Dance Association panels containing the club badges of nearly 300 square dancers. The panels will also be displayed the evening before at a special Red Ribbon Dance hosted by Cap City for dozens of local square dance clubs. Info: 925-4242, 648-1120. ▼

Teens recognized...

Sacramento's Camp Fire Boys and Girls walked away with second prize in the Colgate's Youth for America program, which recognizes outstanding community projects. Thirty-five members of Teens in Action were selected for organizing the candlelight AIDS vigil at last December's World AIDS Day Quilt Display event at Sac. State. Congratulations! ▼

It's the law...

*Taking advantage of an Italian law that prohibits people in the final stages of a terminal illness from being jailed, three men who call themselves the "AIDS Gang"

have been robbing banks because they know they won't be locked up, and because they say they need financial help from the government that is not forthcoming. Italian judicial authorities say they may need to take a second look at this law.

*In Zambia, prison officials have decided to liberate 100 prisoners with HIV as a way of curbing the spread of the virus in its jails. Authorities there say about 16 percent of inmates are HIV-positive and that the main factors contributing to HIV's spread are homosexuality and the sharing of razor blades. ▼

Biaxin OK'd for MAC...

Pending final Food and Drug Administration approval, the pneumonia drug clarithromycin (Biaxin) will soon be sold to postpone the possible onset of MAC (mycobacterium avium complex). Clinical trials have shown that it successfully fights off MAC in people with fewer than 100 T-cells. It has not yet been compared to the current MAC prophylaxis, rifabutin (Mycobutin). One potential problem is that more than 50 percent of people who do develop MAC while taking Biaxin become resistant to the drug, which makes treatment more difficult. ▼

Vitamin A for babies...

A new study by researchers in South Africa indicates that AIDS babies given vitamin A to treat diarrhea-related hospitalizations appears to help them healthier and reduced their hospital stay by as much as 75 percent. (Note — Check with your physician before adding any new supplements to your diet.) ▼

Initial combo treatment touted...

In an upcoming story for AIDS Treatment News, internist Margaret Poscher, director of HIV services at UC-Mt. Zion, says her preferred initial therapy for HIV is AZT combined with 3TC. She says that adding 3TC to AZT extends the mileage you get out of AZT. She has very few patients taking only one drug to treat HIV, and that one drug is d4T. Occasionally she uses a triple combination, she says, of AZT, 3TC, and DDI. She also says she's very pro acyclovir, ambivalent about oral ganciclovir to help ward off CMV, and encouraged by access to thalidomide as a potential treatment for wasting. ▼

Dine-Out Sacramento

Seven of Sacramento's finest restaurants (see article in this issue) are participating in a unique AIDS fundraiser on September 13, Weds. that should appeal to the palates of even the most discriminating diners. Info: 443-3299. ▼

AZT use expands...

Southern California University researchers say that treating people who have leukemia and psoriasis with AZT is showing dramatic results in preliminary tests. Eleven of 19 people with an extremely lethal case of adult T-cell leukemia-lymphoma treated with a combination of AZT and interferon-alpha showed major responses.

Capital AIDS Walk scheduled

Capital AIDS Walk will be on Sunday, October 8. The theme for the sixth annual, community-wide AIDS fundraising event is "Walk with Heart and Sole."

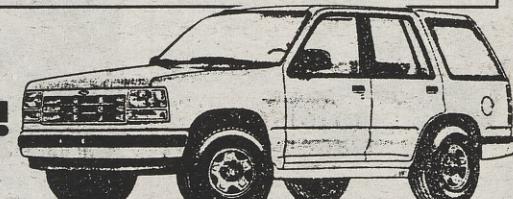
This year's effort is a joint project between Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF) and the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES).

Participants in the 10 kilometer (6 mile) walk take on the challenge of raising pledges. Companies and individuals can make cash donations, match employee contributions, provide goods and services to underwrite the expense of presenting the walk.

The walk will begin at the west steps of the State Capitol building heading east toward McKinley Park and wind back toward downtown ending at up America LIVE! complex. There will be refreshments and entertainment before and after the walk.

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Artland '95 ...

Queer artist community to celebrate with campout

Hot on the heels of last year's success, the second annual Artland will take place at IDA, a queer artist's community secluded amidst 243 acres of forests and waterfalls in Middle Tennessee. This year's celebration of queer arts and artists will take place Monday, September 18 to Monday, September 25, with the main festivities on the weekend. Combining an atmosphere of high energy creative exchange with the natural beauty of the land, there will be opportunities to share skills and ideas.

Whether an artist or lover of artists, there will be much



stage performances and exhibit artworks, as well as dance around bonfires, hike trails and play under waterfalls.

Artland '94 attracted queers from coast to coast for a smorgasbord of participatory art and unique performances. Workshops included batiking, erotic writing, and pottery. The participants created a group mural on the side of a barn, featuring a desert scene with cave sex, drag queens, and a polar bear. Roving performances lit up the land: fire juggling, acoustic music by a creek lit up with candle lanterns, theater, poetry, and whimsical surprises like a burning faerie

to explore and enjoy. Many of the events will be in the form of small salons, while others bring everyone together. The entire event will be primarily group created and directed, giving everyone a sense of the group process that is central to living in an intentional community.

Grab your tent, load your car, and get ready to kick back and give your creative juices room to grow! Registration for the weekend (Friday-Sunday), including scrumptious meal is \$90. It costs \$10 for each additional day. Discounts available for those with limited funds. Info: (615) 597-4409. ▼

Party at Disneyland to celebrate lesbigay dance victory

A lesbigay dance party commemorating the 15-year anniversary of Disneyland ejecting two gay men for dancing together has been set for Saturday, Sept. 9, 7:30pm at Disneyland's Tomorrowland Terrace. Dancing starts at 7:30pm to live "pop 40" bands. Crusader (formerly known as Andrew Exler) will personally greet guests at the "party" and at 1:30 and 5:30 at "The Wishing Well," which is located at the southeast side of "The Castle" in Fantasyland.

On Sept. 13, 1980, Crusader and Shawn Elliott were removed from the Tomorrowland Terrace and thrown out of the park after disco dancing together at the "Gayest Place on Earth." A 1984 Orange County Superior Court ruling overturned Disneyland's 27-year-old ban on same-sex dancing.

Current admission to the park is \$33. Info: 619/778-3869. This is an informal gathering and NOT a Disneyland-sanctioned event. ▼



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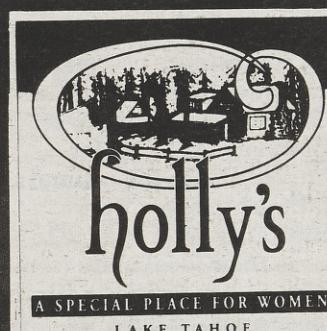
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Dancing vacation planned to Australia

Sydney's 1996 Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras will take a decidedly "country" bent when the North American travelers participating in the Pink Triangles Down Under tour roll into town next February. Berkeley based Pink Triangle Adventures has created a two-week vacation package to Australia especially for the country/western and square dancing crowd and those who want to learn.

With stops in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, the tour is a well-orchestrated blend of sight-seeing, excursions, social events and leisure time. Pink Triangle Adventures will host a country/western dance event in each city organized and promoted by the local community. The Pink Triangles hoedown event in Sydney will be a large official Mardi Gras event held on the evening before the big parade.

Travelers will be guests in the homes of local Aussie gay men and lesbians, enjoying the city's sights both with their hosts and in full group activities including a community barbecue. Detailed information can be obtained by contacting a local travel agent. ▼

Sacramento's Journeys

MCC Church: Sept. 17: MCC Anniversary Celebration, Mather Field Chapel, 9am & 10:45am.

Integrity: 2nd Sun., 2pm, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 2620 Capital Ave. Barb Chandler, 394-1715, G/L ministry open to all.

Fellowship of Jesus Christ Sund. 11am, 1708 N St., #3, Sacramento meeting, family home evenings Mon. prayer, study group every Weds. 731-5922. G/L ministry open to all.

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MEDIA WATCH

by Al Kielwasser
GLAAD/SFBA

Singled in?

Without doubt, the MTV Network has demonstrated a singular commitment to covering lesbian, gay and bisexual issues. In fact, the popular television service has included gays, lesbians and bisexuals throughout its programming. Homosexuality has been a subject of the network's music videos, and several other eye opening programs.

However, there is still one place where lesbians and gays remain conspicuously absent. Queer folk have not been invited to participate in the various "dating" shows that MTV has produced, including *Singled Out* which debuted recent.

In each episode of *Singled Out*, contestants use various techniques to "weed out" a date from a large group of contenders. MTV states "Singled Out is the ultimate relationship show where contestants get a chance to choose their ideal mate from a studio audience filled with the opposite sex." Evidently, lesbian and gay contestants are banned from participating.

Until we are portrayed as people who date, touch and (gasp!) even kiss, we are seen as less than human. "Dating" shows are one place where depictions could begin to replace definitions; MTV is one network for taking the next step. **Judy McGrath, President, MTV Networks Inc. 1515 Broadway, New York, NY 10036; 212/258-8712, 212/258-8000; fax 212/258-8718; e-mail: mtvmail@aol.com; America OnLine (AOL)**

users can also post comments directly to AOL's MTV message area (key-word "MTV"). ▼

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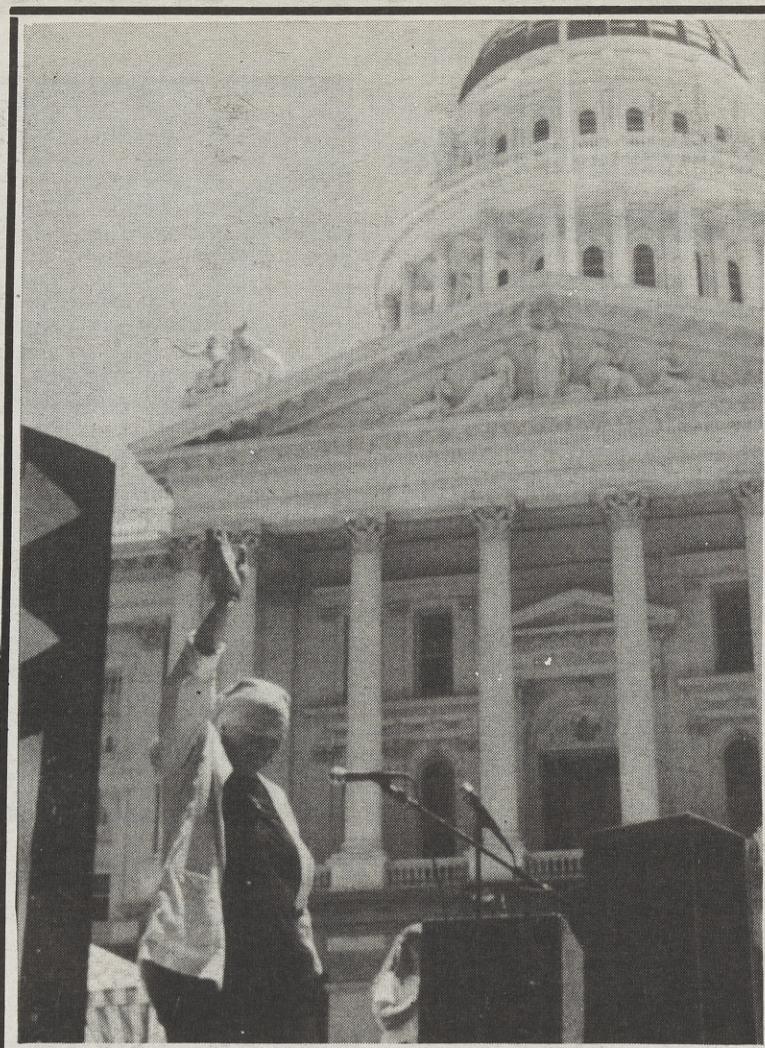
On June 21, the NBC soap opera *Another World* featured an HIV+ and openly gay character, who was played by an HIV+ and openly gay actor. Keith Christopher, who plays *Bruce*, joined the series as part of the annual "Day of Compassion," during which all TV networks are encouraged to devote "programming to AIDS awareness and people affected by HIV/AIDS." NBC has not yet decided if *Bruce* will become a regular cast member. According to Christopher, "viewer response will determine the fate of this character." **Another World, 79 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016; copy to Warren Littlefield, President, NBC Entertainment, 3000 W. Alameda Ave., Burbank, 91523; 818/840-4444, and to NBC Viewer Services, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112, 212/664-3370. ▼**

Fashionable reporting

Teresa Wiltz, fashion writer for the *Chicago Tribune*, profiles gay singer Ru Paul in the newspaper's June 29th issue. Wiltz chronicles a day in the drag diva's life. However, this upbeat and "breezy" approach does not prevent Wiltz — or Ru Paul — from reflecting on some substantive issues. The feature story also includes comments from Ru Paul's fans. LeMarr Williams, 16, read Ru Paul's book twice: "When I was down and out and depressed, seeing him made me realize there are role models out there for gay teens." **Teresa Wiltz, Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611, 312/222-3232; fax 312/222-2598; e-mail: tribletter@aol.com. ▼**

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Author of *The Front Runner* to sign at Lioness Books

An internationally acclaimed novel about the gay relationship between an ex-Marine track coach and his Olympic-bound athlete celebrates 20 years and 20 million readers with a book-signing in Sacramento this month to promote an anniversary edition produced by the author herself.

Patricia Nell Warren marks the second decade of her novel by promoting *The Front Runner, The 20th Anniversary Edition* at Lioness Book Store in Sacramento on Thursday, September 7 at 7pm. Warren will read an portion from her novel.

"I am pleased to embrace another generation of readers," says Warren, who was chosen Community Grand Marshall of this year's Los Angeles Gay Pride Celebration for her mentoring work with that city's gay and lesbian youth. "It is my hope that *The Front Runner* will help inspire our young people who confront rejection and prejudice every day of their lives."

The only challenge to Bentley's claim reported by the Associated Press is this single sentence: "Backers of placing the number for the Gay Youth Outreach Program on a reference card along with other phone numbers for such things as drug and alcohol problems and child abuse argued that teens who know they are gay need support." Readers are free to assume that the "backers" had argued that homosexuality should be treated no differently than any other disease (such as chemical addiction). **Washoe School Board, Bob Bentley, President, 425 E. 9th St., Reno, NV, 702/348-0200; ▼**

The number would have connected students to the Gay Youth Outreach Program, sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Student Union at the University of Nevada, Reno.

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The times aren't a changin'

Reporters at *The New York Times* are still using some antiquated and misleading language in a July 5th article, Katharine Q. Seelye writes: "Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who has vigorously fought homosexual rights, wants to reduce the amount of federal money spent on AIDS..." What are "homosexual rights?" In fact, there are no such things; Helms opposes basic CIVIL RIGHTS for lesbians and gays (e.g., nondiscrimination in housing, employment and health care). **Joseph Lelyveld, Exec. Editor, The New York Times, 229 West 43rd St., New York, NY 10036, 212/556-1234; fax 212/556-3690.**

More Ann Slanders

Not surprisingly, homophobic columnist Ann Landers is also a sexist mess. In her July 1 column, Landers reprints a favorite recipe for her "Best-Ever Lemon Pie." Whatever the merits of the pie, the way Landers prefaces her recipe is certainly tasteless. She writes: "Dear Readers — Today's column is definitely not a guy thing, so you fellas have my permission to go straight to the sports section." Unfortunately, Landers' sexist dribble is syndicated worldwide. **Ann Landers, Box 11562, Chicago, IL 60611-0562. ▼**

Textbook reform

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Issues in Education, a network of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development is working "towards dismantling heterosexism and homophobia in the curriculum and policies of our schools, colleges and universities." **Jan M. Goodman, Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Issues in Education, An ASCD Network, Box 27527, Oakland 94602, 510/530-1706; fax 510/655-4244. ▼**

Media activism by the book

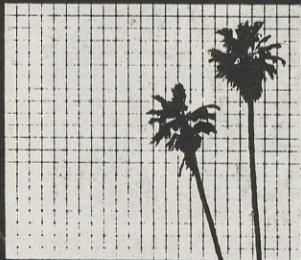
The Media Looking Glass is a new book from Common Courage Press (Box 702 N14, Monroe, ME 04951). Authors Jeff Cohen and Norman Solomon decode "bias and blather in the news." ▼

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1 FRIDAY

RAINBOW FESTIVAL, Fem-2-Fem, Big Top, 2000 K St., 11:30pm.
YOUTH GROUP, Lambda Community Center, 20th & L Sts, 5:30pm, 442-0185.
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CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR, Cal Expo, 263-3000.
GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL, 443-2033.

5 TUESDAY

SAC AREA G/L EDUCATORS, Lambda Center, 20th & L Sts, 7pm, 442-0185.
TRANSGENDER MEETING, Lambda Center, 20th & L Sts, 8pm, 442-0185.

MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, Lambda Community Center, 20th & L Sts, 5:30pm, 442-0185.
FRONTRUNNERS, Intervals, CSUS track, 6000 J St., 6:30 pm, 974-8199.

WOMEN'S CHORUS, Rehearsal, new members welcome! 6:30-8:30pm, 424-4411.
CHALK ART FESTIVAL, Fremont Park, 15th & P Sts., 484-5710.

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DR. CAMERON YEE, 6407 Riverside Blvd., 395-0673.

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BEST PETS, 3633 Bradshaw Rd. # D, 361-1957.

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HOME & CRITTER SITTERS, 447-0735.

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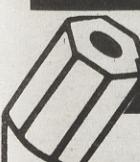
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What is most beautiful in virile men is something feminine; what is most beautiful in feminine women is something masculine.

-Susan Sontag, writer, critic

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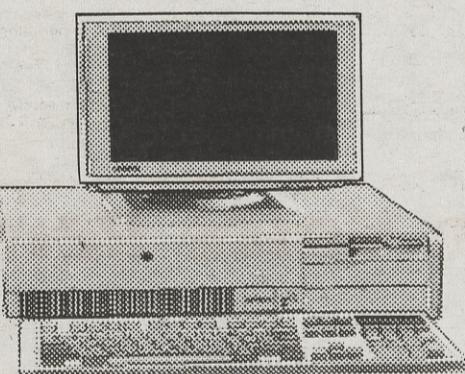
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25 yr. old, hot, slender, smooth, sexy Italian German WLTM and play with guys straight or gay under 30. Sleazy, erotic, safe orgasmic play. No drugs, scuzzes or heavies. Now that you've read this ad, call if you dare! **①1173**

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Coach/older brother type will provide a firm hand to deserving young men. Should be under 26, good looking and trim. Result is amazingly stimulating! Limits respected. No experience necessary. **①1172**

I NEED A MAN NOW!

31 yr. old black and white male looking for new friends or? Seeking same or people 25-40 to show me fun things in Sacramento. Smokers Welcome! **①1171**

THE REAL THING

25 yr. old GWM 6'160 Brown/Hazel. All around nice guy and not too bad looking either. Looking for a 21-28 yr. old, 100% man who is capable of real intimacy and joy, who is open, honest, loves music, keeps in shape, responsible and yes, employed. Friends and family are important to us (you and I) I work for my gay father and live in the Pocket area with my dog. Hope you like dogs! Well, if you haven't met the right guy yet, call me! **①1155**

NOT NEW IN TOWN ...

But still looking! Good looking, healthy, HIV-GWM, 5'8", 160 lbs, brn/brn, affectionate, very kissable, hairy seeks same in a bottom for dates, hikes, dinners and more. Call and you won't be disappointed. **①1156**

SHY LATINO ARTIST

Seeks professional man for old fashioned romance. Relationship comes after long courtship. No sex on first date. I'm handsome, educated 30, 5'5" homebody WLTM similar for intimate sharing. **①1157**

WANTED DOMINANT DADDY

To tame a GWM, 27 yrs. 6' 2", 190 lbs. red/green. You be sexy and between the ages of 30-45. No fats, femmes or flakes. Let's go crazy! **①1158**

NEW STUDENT

GWM, 6'1", 168, blond/blue and 30 yrs. old. New to this lifestyle and would like to meet other GWM similar interests to help break me in, learn the ropes, and practice. **①1159**

MONOGAMY A MUST

22 yr. old GWM me: writer of poetry, short stories and novels. Psych. major. Hiking, alternative music, mountains and moonlight. You: G/BiWM, HIV- relationship oriented, being friends at first, 18-30. **①1160**

HANDSOME, MASCULINE, MUSCULAR
WM 39 on spiritual path looking for partner for camping, hiking, communing with nature, massage therapy and gardening. Foothills natural man. **①1161**

Bi/W/M, GRADUATE STUDENT

28, 6 ft., football player build, 185#, brown, hair, eyes. Just moved here, seeking friends, romance, and some good sex. Many interests, a fair amount of time, tired of women. I do not dance. Love to debate. **①1162**

MINUTE MAN "YES" TABOO

I'm looking for a minute man. I'm looking for a man who wants to hug, snuggle, cuddle and nestle. But not in a minute. Spring coming soon. Later with spring, call me tonight ... baby! **①1163**

LONELY AND HORNY

Muscle Daddy in need of one to keep him warm all year long: bonus points for fur, excessive muscles and lust, leather, interesting sailing, B/D, computers, dancing, and romantic times. **①1164**

Bi/WM

54, 5'10", 160, very fit, professional, wishes to meet M 45-65 for friendship, work out, films, fun, etc. **①1167**

LATIN BOYS

This handsome, straight acting GWM WLTM you, 37, 5'11", 175 lbs., grn/brn, dominate, passionate, active with life. WLTM young, sexy, fun guys for fun and passion. LTR possible. You must like yourself and enjoy life. LA/LD/LS okay, no fems. **①1168**

SURFS UP

Long blonde hair blue eyed surfer/hippy/ student type GWM-20ish 5'9"-140 lbs. Good looking, intelligent, creative, masculine seeks similar kind open minded dudes under 30 for friendship and sweaty summer fun. Into music, art, biking, hacky. Call me! **①1152**

LONELY IN SACRAMENTO

GWM, 29, 5'9", 190 lbs, black hair, brown eyes, mustache, goatee, looking to meet GWM between 25-35, weight 140-195, easy going, romantic, kid at heart, enjoy country music, movies, comedy shows, dining out, day trips. **①1150**

ATHLETIC & ACTIVE

GWM, 28, 5'10", 175 short brn hair, brn eyes, clean shaven, smooth, young looking, enjoy ice skating, roller blades, jogging, bicycling, fitness, outdoors, rafting. Very spiritual. Relationship oriented. Romance — intimacy important! N/S, N/D WLTM similar. **①1145**

LEATHER FANTASY 3

Sir and boy looking for 30 and under guys with leather fantasies. Equipped playgrounds available — come ride in the sling or try another adventure. Give a call and see what happens! **①1147**

MASCULINE ASIAN GUY

29, seeking new friends and maybe more! Into baseball, bowling, photography, X-Files, computers, movies, cheap eats. Prefer clean cut

AD OF THE WEEK

NEW STUDENT

GWM, 6'1", 168, blond/blue and 30 yrs. old. New to this lifestyle and would like to meet other GWM similar interests to help break me in, learn the ropes, and practice. **①1159**

WM, 21-40, N/S, N/D, professional or college types. **①1144**

AFFECTIONATE ...

Good looking GWM in Stockton, looking for date, possible relationship. I'm tall (6'3"), brn/hazel eyes, crew cut, 220 lbs, mustache, 43 yrs. old into the outdoors and snuggling under the stars. **①1133**

A LITTLE LEATHER ...

A lot of love! Busy, dominant, volunteer, HIV+ activist, 44, GWM, 165, 5'10", blonde, healthy, laid back WLTM domesticated, devoted, submissive, W/HM pup, who is healthy, HIV+. HT/WT proportionate. ND/LA. Shorter A+! **①1132**

COUNTRY GUY

GWM 43, 6', 185, seeks GWM 30-45 who enjoys life, not into bar scene. Me: easygoing, established in foothills, sincere family type, looking to meet a secure masculine man to explore possibilities. Let's communicate! **①1131**

PINBALL FANATIC

32 y.o. GWM, HIV+, 5'10", 170 lbs, long brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, masculine, loyal, honest, hooked on pinball. WLTM other gay/bi/males 26-45 for friendship or more. I enjoy outdoors, nudity, videos, leather, hairy chests, grey hankies. LA/LD, smokers ok. **①1129**

INTERESTED?

HIV+, GWM, 6'165 lbs, dk. brn hair, mustache, blue eyes, seeking relationship with GWM. Want to meet someone who is experiencing impotency. **①1124**

MUSCULAR CHRISTIAN MAN

Masculine 40s seeking romantic Latino man 30-50, Solano-Yolo Corridor, for relationship. You: Dark, hairy, athletic; Me: Like gym and good food, wine and music. Hablo español. **①1123**

NEW IN TOWN

Tall, bearded professional GWM 40's in search of friendship and possible LTR. I'm masculine, NS, HIV-. Looking for a mature man of quality who enjoys life and has time to share, grow and have fun. **①1120**

LATINO WANTED

Healthy, handsome (HIV-), passionate black man, 6', 190 lbs, 42 yrs. old WLTM healthy, decent Latino 30-50 yrs. old with a big heart, for intimate friendship and possible relationship. **①1119**

NEW TO SACRAMENTO

Middle age, not perfect physically or otherwise, had enough of rented movies, TV, etc. ISO intimate friends (not necessarily sexual). I work 2pm-10pm so bear that in mind. **①1116**

BOY IN TRAINING

Me: 5'10", 160, blond/blue looking for a good trainer. Between 20 and 40. Must be willing to do everything to me. Anything goes! **①1113**

ARE YOU SATISFIED?

Blessed, mature top, sometimes switch, WM, 5'9", 165, clean, healthy, uninhibited, laid back, nice guy, WLTM younger, slim, passive bottoms for hassle free pleasure and good times. Long term, mutually satisfying friendship desired. Black or brown skin a plus. **①1109**

ATTRACTION BLACK MAN

27 year old, husky, athletic 230 lb good looking black man seeks men, any race 25 to 45 years for companionship. No game players, no secret relationships or "hidden lives." I am ready to give my love to someone. If you are ready for something other than "1 nights", give a call. **①1073**

MARRY ME!!

GWM, 32, HIV+ seeks GW/HM, HIV+, 35-45, for a lifetime. Me: homebody, movie watcher, loves cats, walks, baking. Sex not important. I'm 155#, 5'11", brn/grn, attractive. I want to be married. NS. **①1071**

GWM, 6'5", 200 lbs, brn/brn, age 24 seeking other gay black or Latino men age 35 or below. I'm bottom that enjoys movies, swimming, camping, and leather. **①1070**

BOY NEXT DOOR

College student with editorial eyebrows. Likes gay films, New Helvetica and passive bottoms. Seeks man with sex toys and lots of time. **①1015**



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Attractive, BWM, 6'1" BR/BL looking to meet up with other young Bi/W/M's for partying and fun! I like rock music, fast cars, loose women. I'm clean, discreet, disease free. No femmes, fats, old people. I'm masculine, not into scene. **①1149**

ALONE IN ANTELOPE

18, 5'11". New to area people needed to "make life interesting." WLTM young 18-22, attractive, honest, open-minded coffee lover who knows how to spoil; intelligent, no cowboys, games, drugs. 2+2=5. I'm waiting. **①1127**

JUST FRIENDS

NOT-JUDGIN

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LONELY IN MEMPHIS

I am an attractive lesbian with a beautiful persimmon complexion seeking friendship through long distance. This friendship could blossom into romance; distance is no big deal! I'm very educated, health-oriented, gentle, love the outdoors, I also love writing. **①1165**

LITERATE LESBIAN

40s, postmodern and prehistoric seeks likeminded, artists, intellectuals, and needs for friendship, conversation, agitation, reflection, companionship. No sex, just the romance of the universe, the politics of experience, spiritual and absurd. Davis-based. **①1169**

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